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- 2. Appointments of supervisors. In each district, 2 supervisors must be appointed by the commissioner, taking into consideration the various interests of the district in agriculture, forestry, wildlife, recreation and community and regional development. The appointees must be qualified by training and experience to perform their duties. The terms of the appointed supervisors must be staggered, with the first appointed supervisor initially appointed to a one-year term and the 2nd appointed supervisor initially appointed to a 2-year term. Thereafter, the term of office of each appointed supervisor is 3 years.
- 3. Tenure. A supervisor shall continue to hold office until the supervisor's successor has been elected or appointed and has qualified pursuant to subsection 2.
- 4. Vacancies. A vacancy for the unexpired term of an appointed supervisor must be filled through appointment by the commissioner as described in this section. A vacancy for the unexpired term of an elected supervisor may be temporarily filled by the commissioner through appointment of an associate supervisor designated with voting authority in accordance with section 103. This appointment is effective only until the district holds an election as necessitated by the expiration of the term of any elected supervisor.
- **Sec. 2. 12 MRSA §102,** as amended by PL 1995, c. 532, §§15 and 17, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§102. Duties of supervisors and district employees

- 1. Supervisors. A majority of the supervisors constitute a quorum, and the vote of a majority of the quorum present constitutes an action by the board. The supervisors shall elect one of their members to be chair and may, from time to time, change such designation. As determined by the board, and to the extent funds are available for this purpose, a supervisor may receive reasonable compensation for services and other expenses, including travel necessarily incurred in the discharge of the supervisor's duties.
- 2. Employees and others. The supervisors may employ a secretary and such other employees and contractors as they require in the performance of their duties. The supervisors may call upon the Attorney General for legal services. The supervisors shall require the execution of surety bonds for all employees and officers who are entrusted with funds or valuable property.
- 3. **Delegation.** Subject to their appropriate supervision, the supervisors may delegate the work of the district to one or more of their members of the district or to their employees or agents as they

determine necessary for the conduct of the district's business.

4. Records. The supervisors shall provide for the keeping of accurate records of their actions, proceedings and other business of the district. The supervisors shall furnish to the commissioner any records or information that the commissioner may request concerning the performance of the district's business.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 139

H.P. 814 - L.D. 1137

An Act to Allow Police Officers to Prosecute Their Own Traffic Infractions in District Court

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

- **Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §807, sub-§3, ¶K,** as amended by PL 1997, c. 683, Pt. E, §3, is further amended to read:
 - K. A person who is not an attorney, but who is representing the Department of Human Services in accordance with Title 19-A, section 1615; Title 19-A, section 2009, subsection 8; Title 19-A, section 2201, subsection 1-B; and Title 19-A, section 2202, subsection 1-B; or
- **Sec. 2. 4 MRSA §807, sub-§3, ¶L,** as enacted by PL 1997, c. 683, Pt. E, §4, is amended to read:
 - L. A person who is not an attorney, but who is representing the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources in accordance with Title 7, section 3909, subsection 2_{τ} ; or
- Sec. 3. 4 MRSA §807, sub-§3, ¶M is enacted to read:
 - M. A law enforcement officer, as defined in Title 29-A, section 101, subsection 30, who is not an attorney but who is representing the State in the prosecution of a traffic infraction, as defined in Title 29-A, section 101, subsection 85, when representation in that matter has been approved by the prosecuting attorney.

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