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CHAPTER 445

S.P. 824 - L.D. 2227

**An Act to Expand Membership on
the Maine Tourism Commission****Be it enacted by the People of the State of
Maine as follows:**

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §13090-F, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1997, c. 268, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

1. Maine Tourism Commission. The Maine Tourism Commission, established by section 12004-I, subsection 87 and referred to in this section as the "commission," shall assist and advise the Office of Tourism and Community Development to achieve its purpose under section 13090-C. The commission consists of 24 voting members appointed by the Governor as follows:

A. Three members representing the outdoor sporting interests of the State, including:

(1) One member representing a statewide organization of hunters, anglers and trappers;

(2) One member representing the interests of large landowners; and

(3) One member representing a statewide organization of licensed Maine guides;

B. Eight public members who represent their respective regions and have experience in the field or have demonstrated concern for the travel industry; and

C. Thirteen members of major tourism trade associations, including:

(1) At least one member representing a statewide organization of hotels, motels and inns;

(2) At least one member representing a statewide organization of restaurants;

(3) At least one member representing a statewide organization of campground owners;

(4) At least one member representing the retail sector in the State;

(5) At least one member representing the motorcoach industry;

(6) At least one member representing the air transportation industry;

(7) At least one member representing arts and cultural organizations; and

(8) At least one member representing a statewide organization of children's camps.

The terms of the voting members are for 4 years each. The Governor shall fill a vacancy in the membership for any unexpired term. The commissioners, directors or designees of the following state departments or offices shall serve as ex officio, nonvoting members of the commission: the department; the State Planning Office; the Department of Conservation; the Department of Transportation; the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife; the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources; the Department of Education; and the Bureau of Public Improvements. The Canadian Affairs Coordinator shall also serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member of the commission. A chair and vice-chair of the commission must be elected annually from the appointed membership.

Sec. 2. Staggered terms. The terms of the additional 4 members representing tourism industry interests that are added to the Maine Tourism Commission under this Act are as follows:

1. For the first appointed member, the term is 4 years;

2. For the 2nd appointed member, the term is 3 years;

3. For the 3rd appointed member, the term is 2 years; and

4. For the 4th appointed member, the term is one year.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 446

S.P. 77 - L.D. 180

**An Act to Improve Access to
Electronic Filing for Businesses****Be it enacted by the People of the State of
Maine as follows:**

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §54 is enacted to read:

§54. Electronic filing

Every state agency, department, board, commission, institution, authority or public instrumentality