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**Emergency clause.** Except as otherwise provided, in view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

Effective March 11, 2005, unless otherwise indicated.

#### **CHAPTER 4**

#### H.P. 27 - L.D. 24

#### An Act To Provide for the Efficient Administration of Family Development Accounts

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

**Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §1079, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 2001, c. 417, §17 and PL 2003, c. 689, Pt. B, §6, is further amended to read:

**1. Committee membership.** The committee consists of 12 members as follows:

A. Four members appointed by the Governor, including one representative of the Maine State Housing Authority, one representative of the Department of Health and Human Services and 2 representatives of financial institutions participating in the program;

B. Four members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, including one person who is an account holder or is eligible to be an account holder, 2 representatives of contributors of matching funds to the program and one representative of a community development organization; and

C. Four members appointed by the President of the Senate, including one representative of a contributor of matching funds to the program, one representative of a statewide community development foundation, one person who is an account holder or is eligible to be an account holder and one representative of a community development organization.

Members from state departments serve at the pleasure of their appointing authorities. All other members serve 3-year terms and may continue to serve beyond their terms until their successors are appointed but may not be appointed to subsequent consecutive terms. If a vacancy occurs before a term has expired, the vacancy must be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term by the authority who made the original appointment. If a member is absent for 2 consecutive meetings and has not been excused by the chair from either meeting, the committee may remove the member by majority vote.

Sec. 2. 10 MRSA §1079, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 518, §2, is amended to read:

6. Voluntary service. Members of the committee, except members representing account holders, serve without compensation or reimbursement for expenses.

See title page for effective date.

#### CHAPTER 5

#### H.P. 77 - L.D. 101

#### An Act To Amend the Membership of the InforME Board

**Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, this legislation concerns the membership of the InforME Board, which will deal with significant issues prior to July 1, 2005; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §534, sub-§1, ¶D, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 713, §1, is amended to read:

D. Three <u>Two</u> members from user associations of a statewide character appointed by the Governor. After the initial appointments, the Governor shall appoint user association members from a list of not less than 6 user association representatives compiled by the board. No 2 members appointed pursuant to this paragraph may represent the same user association. The terms for the members appointed pursuant to this paragraph are for a period of 3 years, except initially, when terms are for one, 2 and 3 years respectively;

Sec. 2. 1 MRSA §534, sub-§1, ¶¶H and I, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 713, §1, are amended to read:

H. A representative of the membership or staff of the Judicial Department, appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, who serves as a nonvoting member; and