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CHAPTER 200
H.P. 418 - L.D. 602

**An Act To Amend the Laws
Governing the Membership of
the Advisory Committee on
College Savings**

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

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §11484, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2011, c. 420, Pt. G, §§1 to 5 and affected by §9, is further amended to read:

1. Membership. The advisory committee consists of ~~7~~ 8 members as follows:

~~A. The Treasurer of State, who serves as the chair of the advisory committee;~~

~~B-2. Two members~~ One member appointed by the Governor from ~~at large~~ the public;

~~C. Two~~ Four members appointed by the Governor with experience in and knowledge of institutional investment of funds; and

~~E. One member appointed by the Governor with experience in and knowledge of institutional investment of funds; and~~

~~F. One member~~ Three members appointed by the chair of the board who ~~is a member~~ are members of the board ~~other than the Treasurer of State.~~

The chair of the advisory committee must be appointed annually by the chair of the board.

Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §11484, sub-§2, as repealed and replaced by PL 2001, c. 417, §20, is amended to read:

2. Terms. Members appointed by the Governor must be appointed for terms of 4 years. Members appointed by the chair of the board are appointed for terms of one year. Members may be removed for cause. ~~The member appointed by the Governor under subsection 1, paragraph B 1 must be appointed for an initial term of 3 years. The member appointed by the Governor under subsection 1, paragraph B 2 must be appointed for an initial term of 4 years.~~

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CHAPTER 201
H.P. 535 - L.D. 755

**An Act To Amend the Law
Regarding Nontransmission
Alternatives Investigations
Required for Proposed
Transmission Lines and
Projects**

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3132, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2009, c. 309, §1, is further amended to read:

2. Construction of transmission line. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3-A, whenever any person proposes to erect within this State a transmission line capable of operating at 69 kilovolts or more, that person shall file a petition for the approval of the proposed line in accordance with subsection 2-C. The petition for approval must be set down for public hearing. The commission shall issue its order within ~~6~~ 9 months after the petition is filed unless this period is extended either by agreement of all the parties or by the commission upon its determination that the party seeking the extension would, because of circumstances beyond that party's control, be unreasonably disadvantaged unless the extension were granted, as long as the party to that time had prosecuted its case in good faith and with due diligence.

At the time of filing of a petition for approval of a proposed line under this section, the person filing the petition shall send a copy of the petition by certified mail to the municipal officers of the municipality or municipalities in which the line is to be located.

Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §3132, sub-§2-C, ¶B, as amended by PL 2013, c. 369, Pt. C, §2, is further amended to read:

B. Justification for adoption of the route selected, including comparison with alternative routes that are environmentally, technically and economically practical; and

Sec. 3. 35-A MRSA §3132, sub-§2-C, ¶C, as amended by PL 2013, c. 369, Pt. C, §2, is repealed.

Sec. 4. 35-A MRSA §3132, sub-§2-D is enacted to read:

2-D. Nontransmission alternatives investigation. In considering whether to approve or disapprove all or portions of a proposed transmission line pursuant to subsection 5, the commission shall consider the results of an investigation by an independent 3rd party, which may be the commission or a contractor selected by the commission, of nontransmission alternatives to construction of the proposed transmission line. The

investigation must set forth the total projected costs of the transmission line as well as the total projected costs of the alternatives over the effective life of the proposed transmission line.

Sec. 5. 35-A MRSA §3132-A, sub-§1, as enacted by PL 2013, c. 369, Pt. C, §8, is amended to read:

1. Submission requirement. A person that proposes to undertake in the State a transmission project must provide the commission with ~~the following information:~~ a description of the need for the proposed transmission project.

~~A. Results of an investigation by an independent 3rd party, which may be the commission or a contractor selected by the commission, of nontransmission alternatives to construction of the proposed transmission project. The investigation must set forth the total projected costs of the transmission project as well as the total projected costs of the nontransmission alternatives over the effective life of the proposed transmission project; and~~

~~B. A description of the need for the proposed transmission project.~~

Sec. 6. 35-A MRSA §3132-A, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

1-A. Nontransmission alternatives investigation. In considering whether to approve or disapprove all or portions of a proposed transmission project pursuant to subsection 2, the commission shall consider the results of an investigation by an independent 3rd party, which may be the commission or a contractor selected by the commission, of nontransmission alternatives to construction of the proposed transmission project. The investigation must set forth the total projected costs of the transmission project as well as the total projected costs of the alternatives over the effective life of the proposed transmission project.

Sec. 7. Nontransmission alternatives coordinator proceeding. By December 15, 2017, the Public Utilities Commission shall issue an order in the adjudicatory proceeding regarding the investigation into the designation of a nontransmission alternatives coordinator, Docket No. 2016-00049, and report the outcome of that proceeding to the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology by January 1, 2018.

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CHAPTER 202

H.P. 761 - L.D. 1083

An Act To Increase the Penalties for Hunting Deer over Bait

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §10902, sub-§7-C is enacted to read:

7-C. Hunting deer over bait. A hunting license of a person convicted of placing or hunting over bait in violation of section 11452, subsection 1 must be revoked, and that person is ineligible to obtain a hunting license as follows:

A. For a first offense, for a period of one year from the date of conviction; and

B. For a 2nd offense, the person is permanently ineligible to obtain a hunting license.

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CHAPTER 203

S.P. 366 - L.D. 1112

An Act Regarding the Maternal and Infant Death Review Panel

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

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §261, as amended by PL 2009, c. 531, §1, is further amended to read:

§261. Maternal, fetal and infant mortality review panel

The department shall establish the maternal, fetal and infant death mortality review panel in accordance with this section.

1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Center" means the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

B. "Deceased person" means a woman who died during pregnancy or within 42 days of giving birth or a child who died within + one year of birth.

C. "Director" means the medical director of the center.

C-1. "Family" means a woman who has experienced a fetal death or the parent or parents or