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CHAPTER 103

H.P. 540 - L.D. 735

An Act To Create a Seat for a Representative of the Wabanaki Tribal Governments on the Board of Trustees of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy

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

Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2802, as amended by PL 2013, c. 147, §7, is further amended to read:

§2802. Board of trustees

There is created a board of trustees for the academy consisting of 17 18 members as follows: the Commissioner of Public Safety, ex officio, the Attorney General, ex officio, the Game Warden Colonel in the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, ex officio, the Commissioner of Corrections, ex officio, and the Chief of the State Police, ex officio, and the following to be appointed by the Governor: a county sheriff, a chief of a municipal police department, 2 officers of municipal police departments who are not police chiefs, an educator who is not and has never been a sworn member of a law enforcement agency, a criminal prosecutor from one of the offices of the District Attorney, a representative of a federal law enforcement agency, 3 citizens each of whom is not and has never been a sworn member of a law enforcement agency, a municipal official who is not and has never been a sworn member of a law enforcement agency and, one nonsupervisory corrections officer representing a state or county correctional facility and one person knowledgeable about public safety who has been recommended to the Governor by the Wabanaki tribal governments of the Aroostook Band of Micmacs, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, the Passamaquoddy Tribe at Motahkmikuk, the Passamaquoddy Tribe at Sipavik and the Penobscot Nation. The member appointed by the Governor based on the recommendation of the Wabanaki tribal governments must be recommended by the tribal governments by a process determined by those governments that provides for the board membership to rotate among the tribal governments.

A designee of an ex officio member is a member of the board only during the term of office of the ex officio member who designated the designee. All of the other members of the board serve for a term of 3 years, except that the member appointed by the Governor based on the recommendation of the Wabanaki tribal governments serves for a term of 2 years. A trustee holds office for the term for which the trustee is appointed or until the trustee's successor had has been appointed and qualified. Members of the board are entitled to compensation in accordance with Title 5, chapter 379. Any vacancy on the board of trustees must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment, but for the unexpired term.

See title page for effective date.

CHAPTER 104

H.P. 608 - L.D. 834

An Act To Establish Minimum Service Standards for Electric Utilities

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

Sec. 1. 35-A MRSA §3106 is enacted to read:

§3106. Utility service standards

Except as provided in subsection 3, the commission by rule shall establish service standards for transmission and distribution utilities in accordance with this section.

1. Service interruption reporting. The commission shall adopt rules that require transmission and distribution utilities to track and report service interruptions. The rules must include but are not limited to requirements for the following:

A. Record keeping regarding service interruptions affecting the distribution system of the utility; and

<u>B. Reporting service interruption information to the commission.</u>

2. Service standards; corrective actions. The commission shall adopt rules that set standards for transmission and distribution utilities regarding the frequency and duration of service interruptions. The rules must establish performance targets and specify guidelines for the commission to require a transmission and distribution utility to take corrective actions if performance targets are not met.

3. Exception; small utilities. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the commission may exempt small transmission and distribution utilities from any rule, or portion of a rule, required by this section if the commission determines that the rule would impose unreasonable requirements on the utility due to the small size of the utility. For the purposes of this subsection, "small transmission and distribution utility" means a transmission and distribution utility serving 50,000 or fewer retail customers.