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BILL SUMMARY



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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the First Regular Session of the 112th Legislature. The summaries are arranged by LD number and indexed separately by committee.

LD:

232

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE DIRECTOR OF THE MAINE
STATE HOUSING AUTHORITY AS A NONVOTING
COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE AUTHORITY

GWADOSKY
SPROUL
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HOUSE Accepted Committee Report
SENATE Accepted Committee Report
GOV

SUMMARY:

LD 232 proposed to remove the Director of the Maine State Housing Authority as a voting member of the Housing Authority. The director, however, would remain on the board as a non-voting, ex-officio member which is the same status of the State Treasurer who also serves on the board.

The purpose of the bill is to differentiate between the policy making function and the implementation function and to limit the Director of the Maine State Housing Authority to implementing policy developed by the Housing Authority Commissioners. The director would be responsible to the commissioners in a manner similar to that of some corporation presidents who are responsible to corporate Boards of Directors. Thus, the authority and influence of one person exercising both policy making and implementation functions would be reduced.

The Finance Authority of Maine, the State Liquor Commission and a number of boards and commissions which exercise considerable authority differentiate the policy and implementation functions between the boards and executive directors. The Director of the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages is prohibited by statute from serving on the State Liquor Commission and exercising policy authority. The director of the Bureau is charged to implement the policies established by the Liquor Commission.

The purpose of the bill was also to serve as a preventative measure. By making the director a non-voting member, the opportunity for conflict of interest decisions would be greatly reduced.

The bill was withdrawn because a number of members felt there were no problems with the present board and the way it functions.