**An Act Concerning the Composition of the Criminal Law Advisory Commission**

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

**Sec.** **1. 17-A MRSA §1352, sub-§1,** as amended by PL 1977, c. 671, §34, is further amended to read:

**1.**  The ~~commission shall be~~ Criminal Law Advisory Commission, referred to in this chapter as "the commission," is composed of 9 members to be appointed by the Attorney General. The members ~~shall~~ must be qualified by reason of their experience in the prosecution or defense of criminal cases or by reason of their knowledge of ~~the~~ criminal law. At least 2 members ~~shall~~ must be qualified by reason of their knowledge of juvenile law. At least one member must be a law enforcement officer from a state law enforcement agency and at least one member must be a law enforcement officer from a county or municipal law enforcement agency. Members who are officers from a law enforcement agency must have met the training requirements of Title 25, section 2804-C or equivalent training in another state prior to appointment to the commission.

**Sec.** **2. 17-A MRSA §1358** is enacted to read:

**§****1358.** **Meeting notification**

The chair of the commission shall provide written notice of each commission meeting to every state, county and municipal law enforcement agency in the State.

**Sec.** **3. Transition for appointment of Criminal Law Advisory Commission** **members.** Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A, section 1352, members of the Criminal Law Advisory Commission appointed by the Attorney General serving on the effective date of this Act continue to serve until the completion of their terms. Their successors are appointed as provided in Title 17-A, section 1352.

**SUMMARY**

This bill amends the membership of the Criminal Law Advisory Commission to require that at least one member be a law enforcement officer from a state law enforcement agency and at least one member be a law enforcement officer from a county or municipal law enforcement agency. It also requires the chair of the commission to provide written notice of each commission meeting to every state, county and municipal law enforcement agency in the State.