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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 645, L.D. 1637, “An Act to Reform the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority”

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 4 and 5 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 4. 5 MRSA §13083-I, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 599, §1, is amended to read:

2. Membership; appointment. The authority is governed by a board of trustees composed of ~~11~~ 12 voting members appointed pursuant to paragraphs C and D by the Governor and subject to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over economic development matters and to confirmation by the Senate and one additional trustee who serves as a voting member appointed pursuant to paragraph F by the Governor.

A. ~~Trustees~~ Except for the trustee appointed pursuant to paragraph F, trustees are appointed for 4-year terms, except that, for initial appointments, 3 trustees are appointed to one-year terms, 3 trustees are appointed to 2-year terms, 2 trustees are appointed to 3-year terms, 2 trustees are appointed to 4-year terms and the ~~commissioner~~ commissioners designated pursuant to paragraph D ~~serves~~ serve at the pleasure of the Governor. A vacancy must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment for the balance of the unexpired term.

B. A trustee continues to hold office until a successor is appointed and qualified, but the term of the successor is not altered from the original expiration date of the holdover trustee's term.

C. The Governor shall ~~make 10 appointments~~ appoint 10 trustees, who serve as voting members, of which no fewer than 7 must be from candidates who are residents of Androscoggin County, Cumberland County and Sagadahoe County and are nominated by the primary impact communities at least 3 are residents of Brunswick, Brunswick town officials or Brunswick business owners and at least one is a resident of Topsham, a staff member of the Topsham town administration or a Topsham business owner.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 The Governor shall appoint members who reflect the diversity of interests represented
2 by these communities.

3 D. The Governor shall designate ~~a commissioner~~ 2 commissioners of ~~a department~~ 2
4 different departments of State Government to be a voting, ex officio ~~member~~ members
5 of the board of trustees.

6 ~~E. A member appointed to the board of trustees may not hold an elected office in~~
7 ~~municipal, county or state government.~~

8 F. The Governor shall appoint one trustee, who serves as a voting member, from a
9 preapproved list of candidates for the trustee seat provided by the Brunswick town
10 council.'

11 Amend the bill in section 7 in the blocked paragraph in the first line (page 2, line 15 in
12 L.D.) by inserting after the following: "apply to" the following: 'a proposed development
13 to be located on property owned or controlled by'

14 Amend the bill by striking out all of section 8.

15 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
16 number to read consecutively.

17 SUMMARY

18 This amendment amends the bill by requiring there to be at least one Topsham resident,
19 Topsham town administration staff member or Topsham business owner on the board of
20 trustees of the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority and reduces to 3 the minimum
21 number of trustees that are residents of Brunswick or Brunswick town officials or
22 Brunswick business owners. The amendment also directs the Governor to appoint a trustee
23 member, who serves a 4-year term, from a list of preapproved candidates provided by the
24 Brunswick town council and removes the trustee appointed annually by the chair of the
25 town council. The amendment removes the nonvoting member who is a Senator or
26 Representative representing Brunswick or Topsham. The amendment maintains the
27 inclusion of the authority under the Maine Tort Claims Act, which was repealed by the bill.