

STATE OF MAINE

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**An Act to Amend the Membership of the Maine-Canadian Legislative  
Advisory Commission and the New England and Eastern Canada Legislative  
Commission**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission and the New England and Eastern Canada Legislative Commission have not met recently and have a backlog of business to address; and

**Whereas,** making new appointments to the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission and the New England and Eastern Canada Legislative Commission will cause the commissions to meet and act on unfinished business; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §227,** as corrected by RR 1991, c. 1, §1, is amended to read:

**§227. Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission**

The Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission, as authorized by Title 5, section 12004-K, subsection 10, ~~shall consist~~ consists of ~~8~~ 12 members, all of whom ~~shall~~ must be citizens of this State. The Speaker of the House shall appoint ~~4~~ 6 members, 2 for a term of one year and ~~2~~ 4 who must be members of the House of Representatives and who shall each hold office from the date of appointment until the term of election to the Legislature expires. The President of the Senate shall appoint ~~4~~ 6 members, 2 for a term of one year and ~~2~~ 4 who must be Senators and who ~~shall~~ each hold office from the date of appointment until the term of election to the Legislature expires. At least one member appointed by the President of the Senate and one member appointed by the Speaker of the House ~~shall~~ must be fluent in the French language. The legislative members appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House must equally represent the 2

parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature. In the event of the death or resignation of any member, the vacancy ~~shall~~ must be filled for the remainder of the term in the same manner as the original appointment.

Members ~~shall~~ must be compensated as provided in Title 5, chapter 379. ~~Four~~ Six members ~~shall~~ constitute a quorum. The commission shall designate one of its members as ~~chairman~~ chair.

**Sec. 2. 3 MRSA §231, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 475, §24, is further amended to read:

**1. Commission.** The New England and Eastern Canada Legislative Commission, as established by Title 5, section 12004-K, subsection 11, and in this chapter called "the "commission," consists of 4 8 members from Maine, together with the same number of members appointed according to the laws of each of the other member jurisdictions.

**Sec. 3. 3 MRSA §231, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2019, c. 475, §24, is further amended to read:

**2. Membership.** The members of the commission from Maine are the ~~2~~ 4 Senators and the ~~2~~ 4 members of the House of Representatives who are appointed to the Maine-Canadian Legislative Advisory Commission pursuant to section 227.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.