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An Act to Amend the Membership Requirements of the State Claims Commission

Submitted by the Department of Transportation pursuant to Joint Rule 204. Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative WHITE of Waterville.

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

Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §152, first ¶, as amended by PL 1999, c. 185, §2, is further amended to read:

The State Claims Commission, established by Title 5, section 12004-B, subsection 5, consists of 5 members. Four of the members must be appointed by the Governor, 2 of whom must be qualified appraisers certified as general real estate appraisers pursuant to Title 32, chapter 124 within the 5 years prior to the date of appointment and 2 of whom must be attorneys-at-law. The Governor shall designate one of the attorneys-at-law to be chair. The members of the commission appointed by the Governor shall serve for terms of 4 years. They must be sworn, and for inefficiency, willful neglect of duty or for malfeasance in office may, after notice and hearing, be removed by the Governor on the address of both branches of the Legislature or by impeachment. In case of a vacancy occurring through death, resignation or removal, the Governor shall appoint a successor for the whole term of the member whose place that successor takes, subject to removal as provided in this section.

16 SUMMARY

This bill allows a real estate appraiser whose license has lapsed to be appointed to the State Claims Commission as long as the real estate appraiser was licensed as a certified real estate appraiser within the 5 years prior to the date of appointment.