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In Senate, February 28, 2023

An Act to Amend the Legislative Membership of the Hancock County Budget Advisory Committee

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

DAREK M. GRANT Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator GROHOSKI of Hancock.

Cosponsored by Senator: MOORE of Washington, Representatives: CARMICHAEL of Greenbush, EATON of Deer Isle, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor, MILLIKEN of Blue Hill, RUSSELL of Verona Island, WILLIAMS of Bar Harbor.

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

**Whereas,** this legislation amends the legislative membership of the Hancock County Budget Advisory Committee and needs to take effect prior to the budget advisory committee's annual meeting in the month of October; 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. 30-A MRSA §763, sub-§1, ¶B,** as amended by PL 1999, c. 440, §1, is further amended to read:
  - B. Budget Except for the member of the Hancock County legislative delegation, budget advisory committee members serve 3-year terms and no more than one member from each municipality may serve at a time. If a budget advisory committee member who is elected as a municipal officer member ceases to be a municipal officer during the term of membership, that committee member vacates membership and the next district caucus shall elect a qualified municipal officer to serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.
- **Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §763, sub-§2,** as enacted by PL 1991, c. 749, §1, is amended to read:
- 2. Legislative member. The Prior to October 1, 2023, the Hancock County legislative delegation shall annually select one member of the delegation who resides in Hancock County to serve on the budget advisory committee. By October 1, 2023, and by October 1st of every odd-numbered year thereafter, the Hancock County legislative delegation shall select, by majority vote, one member of the delegation who resides in Hancock County to serve on the budget advisory committee for a 2-year term. If the selected member resigns from the Legislature or from the budget advisory committee during the member's term of office, the Hancock County legislative delegation shall select, by majority vote, another member of the delegation who resides in Hancock County to serve the remainder of the term. The Hancock County legislative delegation may replace a member selected pursuant to this subsection to serve on the budget advisory committee by a 2/3 vote of the delegation.

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

35 SUMMARY

This bill provides that, by October 1, 2023, and by October 1st of every odd-numbered year thereafter, the Hancock County legislative delegation must select, by majority vote, a member of the delegation to serve on the Hancock County Budget Advisory Committee for a period of 2 years. It provides that if the selected member resigns from the Legislature or the budget advisory committee prior to the expiration of the 2-year term, the delegation may select another member to fulfill the remaining term of office. The delegation may also replace its selected member by a 2/3 vote of the delegation.