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**An Act to Amend the Terms of the Members of the Maine Space
Corporation Board of Directors by Requiring Staggered Terms**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

(EMERGENCY)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator DAUGHTRY of Cumberland.

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

3 **Whereas**, the Maine Space Corporation was established by Public Law 2021, chapter
4 631; and

5 **Whereas**, the Governor is directed to appoint 11 members to the corporation's board
6 of directors, and these appointments must be made as soon as possible in order for the board
7 of directors to convene and conduct its business, including establishing bylaws for the
8 corporation; and

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

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

14 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §13203, sub-§4, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 631, §1, is
15 amended by amending the first blocked paragraph to read:

16 The ~~terms of the~~ members of the board of directors who are not ex officio members
17 ~~must be staggered as specified in the bylaws of the corporation~~ are appointed for 3-
18 year terms. A vacancy must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment
19 in accordance with this paragraph for the balance of the unexpired term. A member of
20 the board of directors continues to hold office until a successor is appointed and
21 qualified, but the term of the successor is not altered from the original expiration date
22 of the holdover member's term.

23 **Sec. 2. Staggered terms.** Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5,
24 section 13203, subsection 4, paragraph C, with regard to the initial appointments of the
25 members of the Board of Directors of the Maine Space Corporation, the Governor shall
26 appoint 4 members to a one-year term, 4 members to a 2-year term and 3 members to a 3-
27 year term.

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

30 **SUMMARY**

31 This bill requires that the Governor, in making initial appointments of the members of
32 the Board of Directors of the Maine Space Corporation, appoint the members for staggered
33 terms.