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## **An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Pull Events Commission**

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

**Sec. 1. 7 MRSA §98, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 563, §3, is amended to read:

**1. Membership.** The Pull Events Commission consists of 95 members:

A. ~~Two members~~One member appointed by a statewide association representing owners of draft horses ~~and oxen~~ who participate in pulling events;

B. One member appointed by an association representing owners of oxen who participate in pulling events;

C. ~~One member appointed by an association representing owners of ponies who participate in pulling events;~~

D. One fair superintendent appointed by a state association of agricultural fairs;

E. ~~One representative appointed by state humane organizations;~~

F. One member, appointed by the commissioner, representing the general public; and

G. ~~One member, appointed by the commissioner, representing the animal pulling industry; and~~

H. One member appointed by the Animal Welfare Advisory Council.

**Sec. 2. Transition.** Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 7, section 98, subsection 1, a member serving on the Pull Events Commission on the effective date of this Act may continue to serve until the expiration of the term to which the member was appointed, until the member vacates the office or until the member is removed for cause, whichever occurs first.

### **SUMMARY**

This bill reduces the number of Pull Events Commission members from 9 members to 5 members.