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Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

**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 910 members:

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

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

C. One member appointed by ~~ana~~ statewide farmers association representing owners of ~~ponies~~draft horses who participate in pulling events;

C-1. One member appointed by a statewide farmers association representing owners of draft oxen who participate in pulling events;

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

D-1. One member 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. 7 MRSA §98, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 73, §2, is further amended to read:

**2. Chair; meetings; secretary; quorum.** The Pull Events Commission shall elect one of its members as chair. The chair serves a 2-year term and may not serve as chair for consecutive terms. The commission shall meet a minimum of twice annually. The commissioner shall designate a person to serve as secretary to the Pull Events Commission. A quorum of the commission for the transaction of business is 6 members. An action may not be taken by the commission without approval of a majority of the members present.

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

**3. Terms; vacancies.** Appointments to the Pull Events Commission must be for terms of 23 years. The appointing authority fills a vacancy for a full ~~2-year~~3-year term. The appointing authority may remove a commission member for cause, which includes poor attendance. The chair shall make recommendations to the appointing authority concerning a removal.

**Sec. 4. Staggered terms.** Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 7, section 98, subsections 1 and 3, the terms of members appointed to the Pull Events Commission in 2012 are as follows:

1. The term of one member appointed under Title 7, section 98, subsection 1, paragraph A is one year and the term of the other member is 3 years;
2. The term of the members appointed under Title 7, section 98, subsection 1, paragraphs B, D, E and F is 2 years;
3. The term of the members appointed under Title 7, section 98, subsection 1, paragraphs C and H is one year; and
4. The term of the members appointed under Title 7, section 98, subsection 1, paragraphs C-1 and D-1 is 3 years.'

### **SUMMARY**

This amendment increases the membership of the Pull Events Commission from 9 to 10 and revises the membership by specifying that 2 members are appointed by farmers associations representing owners of animals who participate in pull events. It specifies that the fair superintendent who serves on the commission is appointed by the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources. It provides for a member to be appointed by a state association of agricultural fairs. It eliminates the member representing the animal pulling industry appointed by the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources.

It provides for the staggering of the terms of members appointed in 2012. Subsequent appointments are for 3 years. It requires 6 members of the 10-member commission to be present to transact business and that a majority vote of those present is necessary to approve any action.