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An Act to Amend the Law Governing the Membership of the Government Oversight Committee

(EMERGENCY)

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Presented by Senator HICKMAN of Kennebec. Cosponsored by Speaker FECTEAU of Biddeford and Senator: President DAUGHTRY of Cumberland. **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 laws governing the membership of the Government Oversight Committee; and

Whereas, this legislation needs to take effect as soon as possible during the current legislative session in order to clarify the membership requirements of the committee; 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. 3 MRSA §993, first ¶, as amended by PL 2023, c. 417, §1, is further amended to read:

The membership of the committee and the selection of chairs are established by joint rule of the Legislature. Beginning with the 132nd Legislature, at least one member of the committee must be a member of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over taxation matters and at least one member must be a member of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over economic development matters. No 2 members of the committee may be members of the same joint standing committee of the Legislature and also members of the same political party.

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

SUMMARY

This bill removes the requirement that, beginning with the 132nd Legislature, at least one member of the Government Oversight Committee be a member of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over taxation matters and at least one member be a member of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over economic development matters. It also removes language that states that no 2 members of the committee may be members of the same joint standing committee of the Legislature and also members of the same political party.