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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
126TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 40, L.D. 45, Bill, “An Act To Include a Representative of the Aroostook Band of Micmacs in the House of Representatives”

Amend the bill by adding after section 2 the following:

Sec. 3. Initial Representative of the Aroostook Band of Micmacs. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 1, the Tribal Clerk of the Aroostook Band of Micmacs shall, on or before the day preceding the convening of the 127th Legislature, furnish to the Clerk of the House of Representatives a certification of the name and residence of the member of the Aroostook Band of Micmacs appointed by the Aroostook Band of Micmacs to represent it to the Legislature in the 127th Legislature.

Sec. 4. Salary, expenses and travel of initial Representative of the Aroostook Band of Micmacs. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2, for the 127th Legislature, the member of the Aroostook Band of Micmacs appointed by the Aroostook Band of Micmacs to represent it to the Legislature is entitled to a salary equal to the salary of a member of the Senate or the House of Representatives and the same allowance for meals, constituent services, housing and travel expenses as is provided to members of the House of Representatives.

Sec. 5. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

LEGISLATURE

Legislature 0081

Initiative: Appropriates funds for the estimated one-time cost of renovating the House Chamber to accommodate an additional representative.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1	GENERAL FUND	2013-14	2014-15
2	All Other	\$0	\$68,300
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4	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$68,300</u>

5 **Legislature 0081**

6 Initiative: Appropriates funds for the salary, constituent services allowance and expenses
 7 of an additional member of the House of Representatives beginning with the 127th
 8 Legislature.

9	GENERAL FUND	2013-14	2014-15
10	Personal Services	\$0	\$38,531
11	All Other	\$0	\$9,125
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13	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$47,656</u>

14	LEGISLATURE		
15	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2013-14	2014-15
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17	GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$115,956
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19	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$115,956</u>

20 **Sec. 6. Contingent effective date.** This Act does not take effect unless, within
 21 90 days of the adjournment of the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature, the
 22 Secretary of State receives written certification by the Tribal Council of the Aroostook
 23 Band of Micmacs that the band has agreed to the provisions of this Act, copies of which
 24 must be submitted by the Secretary of State to the Secretary of the Senate, the Clerk of
 25 the House of Representatives and the Revisor of Statutes.

26 In no event may this Act become effective until 90 days after the adjournment of the
 27 First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.'

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SUMMARY

This amendment is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

This amendment provides for the appointment, rather than the election, of the initial Representative to the Legislature of the Aroostook Band of Micmacs to the 127th Legislature. It also provides that the changes do not take effect unless the Aroostook Band of Micmacs approves them and provides certification of that approval to the Secretary of State within 90 days of the adjournment of the First Regular Session of the 126th Legislature.

The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)