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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 324, L.D. 457, Bill, “An Act To Repeal the Sunset Date on the Children's Guardians Ad Litem Law”

Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

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

Whereas, the laws implementing necessary reforms to the procedures for appointment, qualification and oversight of children's guardians ad litem are scheduled to be repealed on October 1, 2017, and that date will likely pass before the 90-day period expires; and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,'

Amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

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

SUMMARY

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill to ensure that the law governing children's guardians ad litem in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 4 is not repealed before this legislation takes effect.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT