

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND AND THIRTEEN

H.P. 30 - L.D. 35

**An Act To Amend the Law Concerning the Membership of the Maine
Economic Growth Council**

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

Sec. 1. 10 MRSA §929-A, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2007, c. 420, §5, is further amended to read:

2. Membership. The council consists of 19 members. The Governor, President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives shall jointly appoint the following 18 members, 2 of whom shall serve as cochairs of the council:

A. Thirteen members having a broad range of expertise in areas including but not limited to: labor, environment, business and education;

B. ~~Four members of the Legislature~~ Two members of the Senate with a demonstrated interest in economic development, one of whom belongs to the political party holding the largest number of seats in the Senate and one of whom belongs to the political party holding the 2nd largest number of seats in the Senate; and

B-1. Two members of the House of Representatives with a demonstrated interest in economic development, one of whom belongs to the political party holding the largest number of seats in the House of Representatives and one of whom belongs to the political party holding the 2nd largest number of seats in the House of Representatives; and

C. One member from the Maine Innovation Economy Advisory Board under section 949.

The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development or the commissioner's designee is a member of the council.

Sec. 2. 10 MRSA §929-A, sub-§3, as repealed and replaced by PL 1997, c. 425, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

3. Appointments; terms. This subsection governs the appointment and terms of members.

A. A member appointed pursuant to subsection 2, paragraph A or C serves a 3-year term and serves until a successor is appointed.

B. A member appointed pursuant to subsection 2, paragraph B or B-1 must be appointed no later than March 15th of the first year of the legislative biennium in which appointment is made and serves a 2-year term that begins on March 15th of the first year of the legislative biennium in which appointment is made, regardless of whether by the end of the term the member remains a Senator or a member of the House of Representatives.

Sec. 3. Effective date. This Act takes effect January 1, 2015.