

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND AND TWELVE

H.P. 1294 - L.D. 1759

An Act To Amend the Laws Governing the Pull Events Commission

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

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 ~~9~~ 10 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 ~~an~~ a statewide association representing owners of oxen who participate in pulling events;

C. One member appointed by ~~an~~ a 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 ~~2~~ 3 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.

In House of Representatives, 2012

Read twice and passed to be enacted.

..... Speaker

In Senate, 2012

Read twice and passed to be enacted.

..... President

Approved 2012

..... Governor