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An Act Regarding Legal Representation in Certain Eviction Actions

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative FREDETTE of Newport.

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

2 Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §807, sub-§3, ¶S, as reallocated by RR 2013, c. 1, §7, is 3 amended to read:

S. <u>A person An individual</u> who is the sole member of a limited liability company or
is a member of a limited liability company that is owned by a married couple or,
registered domestic partners <u>or an individual and that individual's issue as defined in</u>
<u>Title 18-A, section 1-201, subsection (21)</u> who is not an attorney but is appearing for
that company in an action for forcible entry and detainer pursuant to Title 14, chapter
709.

10 This paragraph is repealed September 1, 2016.

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SUMMARY

12 Current law provides that a person who is the sole member of a limited liability company or is a member of a limited liability company that is owned by a married couple 13 or registered domestic partners who is not an attorney may appear in court for that 14 15 company in an action for forcible entry and detainer. This bill limits the application of this provision of law to an individual. The bill also allows an individual who is not an 16 attorney and who is a member of a limited liability company that is owned by an 17 individual and that individual's issue to appear in court for that company in an action for 18 19 forcible entry and detainer. The bill also strikes the statutory repeal of the provision.