



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 6398

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Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE NORTHEASTERN FOREST FIRE PROTECTION AND ATLANTIC STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 23-54 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

3 There shall be three members, hereinafter called commissioners, of
4 the Northeastern Forest Fire Protection Commission, appointed by the
5 Governor. One of such commissioners shall be the State Forest Fire
6 Warden, the second shall be a member of the legislature, [who is also a
7 member of the Commission on Intergovernmental Cooperation,]
8 designated by said commission, and the third shall be a citizen of the
9 state designated by the Governor as his responsible representative to
10 serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The commissioners so appointed
11 shall be paid no compensation. They shall be reimbursed for necessary
12 expense incurred in the performance of their duties.

13 Sec. 2. Section 26-297 of the general statutes is repealed and the
14 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

15 In pursuance of Article III of said compact there shall be three
16 members, hereinafter called commissioners, of the Atlantic States
17 Marine Fisheries Commission, hereinafter called commission, from the
18 state of Connecticut. The first commissioner from the state of
19 Connecticut shall be the Commissioner of Environmental Protection,
20 ex officio. The second commissioner from the state of Connecticut shall
21 be a legislator and a member of the [Commission on
22 Intergovernmental Cooperation of the state of Connecticut] joint
23 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
24 matters relating to fisheries, ex officio, designated by said commission,
25 and the term of any such ex-officio commissioner shall terminate at the
26 time he ceases to hold said legislative office or said office as
27 commissioner on intergovernmental cooperation, and his successor as
28 commissioner shall be named in like manner. The Governor shall
29 appoint a citizen as a third commissioner who shall have a knowledge
30 of and interest in the marine fisheries problem. The term of said
31 commissioner shall be three years and he shall hold office until his
32 successor is appointed and has qualified. Vacancies occurring in the
33 office of such commissioner from any reason or cause shall be filled by
34 appointment by the Governor for the unexpired term. The
35 Commissioner of Environmental Protection as ex-officio commissioner
36 may delegate, from time to time, to any deputy or other subordinate in
37 his department or office, the power to be present and participate,
38 including voting as his representative or substitute at any meeting of
39 or hearing by or other proceeding of the commission. Any
40 commissioner may be removed from office by the Governor upon
41 charges and after a hearing.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	23-54
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	26-297

Statement of Purpose:

To remove the requirement that a Northeastern Forest Fire Protection

Commission member who is a member of the General Assembly also be a member of the Commission on Intergovernmental Cooperation, to require members of the General Assembly serving on the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission to be members of the environment committee and to remove the requirement that such members of the General Assembly also be members of the Commission on Intergovernmental Cooperation of the state.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]