**An Act To Clarify the Law Concerning the Priority of Appointment of Personal Representatives under the Maine Uniform Probate Code**

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

**Sec.** **1. 18-C MRSA §3-203, sub-§1, ¶E,** as enacted by PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §2 and affected by PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14, is repealed.

**Sec.** **2. 18-C MRSA §3-203, sub-§1, ¶F-1** is enacted to read:

F-1. The surviving domestic partner of the decedent;

**Sec.** **3. 18-C MRSA §3-203, sub-§3,** as enacted by PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §2 and affected by PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14, is amended to read:

**3.** **Nomination and renunciation.**  A person entitled to letters under subsection 1, paragraphs B to ~~F~~ F-1 may nominate a qualified person to act as personal representative. Any person may renounce the person's right to nominate or to an appointment by appropriate writing filed with the court. When 2 or more persons share a priority, those of them who do not renounce must concur in nominating another to act for them or in applying for appointment.

**SUMMARY**

This bill provides that in the absence of a will, heirs of a decedent have priority over the surviving domestic partner of the decedent for the purpose of appointment of a personal representative under the Maine Uniform Probate Code.