SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT Docket No. SJC-21-4

In re 2021 Apportionment of Maine House of Representatives, Maine Senate, U.S. House of Representatives, and County Commissioners

ORDER JOINING APPORTIONMENT COMMISSION

The Apportionment Commission established by the Maine Legislature pursuant to Me. Const. art. IV, pt. 3, § 1-A, has moved to join in the petition filed by President of the Senate Troy D. Jackson, Senate Minority Leader Jeffrey L. Timberlake, Speaker of the House Ryan M. Fecteau, and House Minority Leader Kathleen R.J. Dillingham. The Commission also requests that the Court "expressly recognize" the Commission's authority to continue to meet, deliberate, retain staff, and expend funds after the existing June 1, 2021, constitutional deadline for it to submit a report to the Legislature.

It is ORDERED as follows:

- 1. The motion is GRANTED. The Commission is joined as a petitioner in this matter.
- 2. The Commission's request that the Court "expressly recognize" its continuing authority after June 1, 2021, is accepted as a motion to amend the petition. The motion is GRANTED. The petition is deemed amended to include a request for relief in the form of a declaration that the Commission

has full authority to exercise all of its constitutional and other legal powers after June 1, 2021.

3. The Executive Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court is directed to amend the public notice inviting responses to the petition to include the Commission as a petitioner and to add a description of the additional relief that the Commission requests. The Clerk is further directed to make the Commission's motion and this order available on the existing web page containing the public notice.

For the Court,

Associate Justice