

STATE OF MAINE

Inter-Departmental Memorandum

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Subject Tie votes by Commissioners Hearing Cases

5 M.R.S.A. §4612 (2) states: "If the Commission does not find reasonable grounds to believe that unlawful discrimination has occurred, it shall enter an order so finding, and dismiss the proceeding."

Anything short of a majority vote in favor of "reasonable grounds" constitutes a finding of "no reasonable grounds" and the case must be dismissed.