

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 194**

H. P. 155

House of Representatives, January 25, 1979

Referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Davies of Orono.

Cosponsors: Mr. Hughes of Auburn, Mr. Tarbell of Bangor and Mr. Nadeau of Lewiston.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

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**AN ACT to Provide for a Student Member of the Board of Trustees of the  
University of Maine.**

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

**Sec. 1. P § SL 1865, c. 532, § 4, as last amended by PL 1977, c. 696, § 354, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:**

**Sec. 4. Board of Trustees. The board of trustees of the university shall consist of 16 persons.**

**1. Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services. The Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services shall serve as a voting member ex officio.**

**2. Members appointed by the Governor. Fourteen of the members shall be appointed for 7-year terms by the Governor, subject to review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and to confirmation by the Legislature. No person accepting such appointment shall remain a member of the State Board of Education. These trustees are eligible for reappointment once only and shall retire upon reaching the age of 70. Any vacancy shall be filled by the Governor, subject to review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and to**

confirmation by the Legislature, for the unexpired balance of the term. These trustees shall serve without pay, but shall receive their actual traveling and other expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties.

3. **Student Member.** One of the members shall be fulltime student at any campus of the University of Maine at the time of his appointment and shall be a permanent resident of the State of Maine. The student member shall be a full voting member of the board of trustees, and shall serve for a term of 2 years and until his successor is qualified. The student member shall be eligible for reappointment if at the time of his reappointment he continues to meet all requirements for appointment as a student member of the board. The student member shall be appointed by the Governor within 30 days after a list of 3 eligible students has been submitted to him by the University of Maine Organization of Student Governments.

The board of trustees shall, when practicable, meet from time to time at each of the various campuses of the university.

**Sec. 2. Application.** This Act shall not affect the validity of appointments nor the length of terms of the trustees appointed to the board of trustees prior to the effective date of this Act, and each trustee shall continue to serve until the end of the term to which he was appointed. Any vacancies occurring after the effective date of this Act shall be filled in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

The student member shall be nominated for a 2-year term by the Governor within 60 days after the effective date of this Act.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill provides for a student member of the University of Maine Board of Trustees.

The Legislature, in the recent past, has established a policy of placing consumers on boards and commissions of State Government. This bill would place a consumer of educational services, a student, on the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine.