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# 120th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1723

House of Representatives, April 1, 2002

**An Act to Include a Woman Veteran on the Board of Trustees of the  
Maine Veterans' Homes.**

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Reported by Representative TUTTLE for the Joint Standing Committee on Legal and  
Veterans Affairs pursuant to Joint Order 2001, H.P. 1689.

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

**Sec. 1. 37-B MRSA §603**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 455, §30, is further amended to read:

**§603. Board of trustees**

The administration of the homes is vested in the Board of Trustees of the Maine Veterans' Homes, as authorized by Title 5, section 12004-G, subsection 34. The board consists of ~~10~~ 11 members, one of whom must be the Director of the Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services, ex officio, who ~~shall--serve~~ serves without term. The Governor shall appoint the remaining trustees, who must be honorably discharged war veterans. One member must be a woman. One member must be appointed from and represent each of the largest veterans' organizations, not exceeding 5, that are nationally chartered and have a department in Maine. The remaining members must be appointed at large and ~~shall~~ serve staggered 3-year terms. The membership must be distributed across the State so that ~~3~~ approximately 1/3 reside in the southern part of the State, ~~3~~ approximately 1/3 in the central part and ~~3~~ approximately 1/3 in the northern part. In the event of a vacancy, a successor must be appointed to complete ~~the a~~ member's unexpired term. Each trustee continues to hold office until a successor is appointed and qualified.

**Sec. 2. 37-B MRSA §604, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 460, §3, is amended to read:

**2. Meetings.** The board shall meet at least 6 times annually. ~~Five~~ Six members ~~shall~~ constitute a quorum.

**SUMMARY**

This bill amends the law governing the membership of the Board of Trustees of the Maine Veterans' Homes. It increases the membership from 10 to 11 and requires that at least one member appointed to the board be a female veteran.