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S.P. 592

In Senate, May 22, 2013

An Act Regarding the Board of Trustees of the Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President ALFOND of Cumberland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. PL 1991, c. 848, §3, 2nd ¶**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 599, §1, is further
3 amended to read:

4 The transfer may occur only if the transferee corporation has a board of trustees that
5 includes the chancellor of the University of Maine System; 3 members representing the
6 Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System; the President of Bates College; the
7 President of Bowdoin College; the President of Colby College; and not fewer than 8 nor
8 more than 12 public trustees elected by the board in the manner prescribed in the
9 corporation's bylaws. The president of the transferee corporation is a nonvoting member
10 of the board. By January 1, 1999, 2 additional public trustees must be appointed by the
11 Governor, subject to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having
12 jurisdiction over education matters and to confirmation by the Senate. By January 1,
13 1999, the board shall amend the Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation bylaws to reflect
14 the method of appointment of public trustees described in this paragraph. Beginning
15 January 1, 2014, the composition of the board described in this paragraph is no longer
16 required.

17 **Sec. 2. PL 1991, c. 848, §3**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 599, §1, is further
18 amended by adding after the 2nd paragraph a new paragraph to read:

19 By January 1, 2014, the board shall amend the Maine Public Broadcasting
20 Corporation bylaws to establish the number, terms and qualifications of trustees of the
21 corporation and the method and manner of their selection consistent with the Maine
22 Revised Statutes, Title 13-B.

23 **Sec. 3. Transition.** Members of the board of trustees of the Maine Public
24 Broadcasting Corporation serving on the effective date of this Act serve until the
25 selection of a new board of trustees pursuant to the corporation bylaws as amended in
26 accordance with this Act.

27 **SUMMARY**

28 This bill amends the law establishing the membership of the board of trustees of the
29 Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation and requires the current board of trustees to
30 amend the bylaws of the corporation by January 1, 2014 to establish the number, terms
31 and qualifications of trustees of the corporation and the method and manner of their
32 selection consistent with Maine nonprofit corporation laws. The members of the current
33 board serve until the new board is selected.