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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1393

S. P. 427

In Senate, April 2, 1975

On Motion of Senator Katz of Kennebec, referred to Committee on Education. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Curtis of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Provide for a Student Member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine and to Delete Certain Obsolete Transitional Provisions from the Statute Governing Appointment of that Board of Trustees.

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

P&SL 1865, c. 532, § 4, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 625, § 280, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

Sec. 4. Board of trustees. The board of trustees of the university shall consist of 15 persons. The Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services shall serve as a voting member ex officio. Thirteen of the members shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Council for 7-year terms. One member shall be a student representative who shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Council upon nomination by the University of Maine Organization of Student Governments. The student representative so nominated and appointed shall serve for a 5-year term and shall be a duly enrolled undergraduate student in the University of Maine when appointed or have received an undergraduate degree from the university not more than 2 years prior to appointment. The student representative shall not be eligible for reappointment as a student representative, but the fact that he or she has served as a student representative shall not make him or her ineligible for appointment to another membership for a term of 7 years. Subsequent terms of office shall be fixed at 7 years and each term shall expire on May 26th of the appropriate year. Until such time as a successor trustee has been appointed and qualified to assume office, a term is deemed to be vacant. Any vacancy shall be filled by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Council for the unexpired balance of the term. Trustees, other than the student representative, are eligible for

reappointment only once, except that any trustee appointed to fill a vacancy where the unexpired balance of the term is 3 years or less, shall be eligible for reappointment for 2 full 7-year terms. Trustees shall retire on reaching the age of 70. In order to restore and maintain rotation of terms of office of trustees, an incumbent trustee who was appointed for a term of 7 years at a time subsequent to the expiration of the term of his predecessor in office, shall be deemed to have commenced his 7-year term upon the date of the expiration of the term of office of his predecessor rather than from the date of his appointment and qualification. Any vacancy shall be filled by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Council for the unexpired balance of the term. Trustees shall serve without pay, but shall receive their actual traveling and other expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties. The terms of office of the trustees appointed under this section shall commence 30 days after the effective date of this Act, at which time the terms of all current trustees of the university shall terminate. The board of trustees shall, when practicable, meet from time to time at each of the various campuses of the university.

Sec. 2. Transition. This Act shall not affect the validity and term of any appointment made to the board of trustees prior to the effective date of this Act. The Governor shall, upon the occurrence of the first vacancy after the effective date of this Act in a membership on the board of trustees, appoint the student representative provided for in this Act. That membership shall thereafter be the student representative membership on the board of trustees.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to provide for appointment of a student member to the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine and to delete certain obsolete transitional provisions for the appointment of trustees.