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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1332

H. P. 1114

House of Representatives, March 29, 1977

On motion of Mr. Lynch of Livermore Falls, referred to Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Prescott of Hampden.

Cosponsor: Mr. Davies of Orono.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Providing for Student and Faculty Members of the Board of
Trustees of the University of Maine.

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 P & SL 1865, c. 532, § 4, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 771, § 426, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

Sec. 4. Board of trustees. The board of trustees of the university shall consist of 17 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. Membership. One of the 17 members shall be a faculty member from the university having the rank of instructor or a higher rank. The faculty

member shall be a full voting member of the board of trustees. This faculty member shall not be a supervisory faculty member as defined in Title 26, section 1022, subsection 9. The faculty member shall serve for a term of 2 years and until his successor is elected. The faculty member shall be eligible for reappointment, but he shall not be eligible to continue to serve as a member if he ceases being a member of the faculty of the university. The faculty member shall be appointed by the Governor within 30 days after a list of 3 eligible members has been submitted to him by the Faculty Liaison Council of the University of Maine. If a faculty bargaining agent, as defined in Title 26, section 1024, is established and certified by the Maine Labor Relations Board, then instead of the Faculty Liaison Council, the bargaining agent representing that faculty bargaining unit shall submit the list of 3 eligible members to the Governor.

4. Student member. One of the members shall be a full-time student, who is registered and in good standing in the University 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, but he shall not continue to serve as a member if he ceases being a full-time student in good standing of the university. 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 faculty member and the student member shall be nominated for 2-year terms by the Governor within 60 days after the effective date of this Act.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill provides for one faculty member and one student member on the University of Maine Board of Trustees.

The faculty member will provide a more direct line of communication between the University of Maine faculty and the board of trustees. The presence of a faculty member as a full voting member of the board will help to utilize the expertise of the professional education community and will serve as well as an unfiltered source of information for other board members.

The presence of a student would allow our young adults to be a part of the governing process. Students are often ignored. If a student with voting pow-

ers in the preparation of the operating budget is a member of the board of trustees, his presence will allow a direct line of input when tuition costs are considered.