

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 995

H. P. 790

House of Representatives, March 5, 1979

On Motion of Mr. Connolly of Portland, referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Barry of Fort Kent.

Cosponsors: Mrs. Huber of Falmouth, Ms. Lund of Augusta and Miss Brown of Bethel.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

**AN ACT to Provide Representation Based on Population to the Various Regions of
Maine on the University of Maine Board of Trustees.**

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 P&SL 1865, c. 532, § 4, as last amended by PL 1977, c. 696, §§ 352-354, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

Sec. 4. Board of trustees. The board of trustees of the university shall consist of 14 persons appointed by the Governor, subject to review by the Joint Standing Committee on Education and to confirmation by the Legislature. All members shall be appointed for terms of 7 years. Ten members of the board shall be appointed on the basis of their residence as follows:

- A. One member shall be a resident of Aroostook County;
- B. One member shall be a resident of Androscoggin County;
- C. One member shall be a resident of Kennebec County;
- D. One member shall be a resident of York County;
- E. One member shall be a resident of Franklin, Oxford or Somerset County;

F. One member shall be a resident of Knox, Lincoln or Waldo County;

G. Two members shall be residents of Cumberland County; and

H. Two members shall be residents of Hancock, Penobscot or Piscataquis or Washington County.

Four persons shall be appointed as at-large members of the board. Any member who is appointed on the basis of county of residence shall be ineligible to serve if he is no longer a resident of the appropriate county. 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. Trustees shall serve without pay, but shall receive their actual traveling and other expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties. The board of trustees shall, when practicable, meet from time to time at each of the various campuses of the university.

Sec. 2. Transitional provision. Present members of the board shall serve until the expiration of their terms. Members of the board, as provided in this Act, shall be appointed to the board in the order in which they are listed in the Act.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to create a new board of trustees for the University of Maine. This new board would be phased in through 1985. It would be composed of 14 members. Ten members would be appointed on the basis of county of residence. Four members would be appointed on an at-large basis.