

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-366)  
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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1143, L.D. 1405, Bill, "AN ACT to Eliminate the Boards of Visitors within the Department of Mental Health and Corrections."

Amend the Bill by striking out all of the title and inserting in its place the following:

'AN ACT to Transfer the Board of Visitors for the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf from the Department of Mental Health and Corrections to the Department of Educational and Cultural Services and to Amend the Membership on the Boards of Visitors within the Department of Mental Health and Corrections.'

Further amend the Bill in section 1 by striking out everything after the amending clause and inserting in its place the following:

'A board of 7 visitors for the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf shall be appointed by the Governor. These visitors shall be appointed for terms on a schedule of 2 members for one year, 2 members for 2 years and 3 members for 3 years, and shall be eligible for reappointment. The members of the board shall receive no compensation. The board shall have the right to inspect the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf and to make recommendations relative to the management of the institution to the

commissioner. Copies of all recommendations shall be sent to the members of the Joint Standing Committee on Education, and the board shall appear before the Joint Standing Committee on Education upon request.'

Further amend the Bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 2. 34 MRSA §41, first sentence, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 400, is further amended to read:

A board of 5 7 visitors, as heretofore established, shall be appointed by the Governor, in connection with each state institution under the department ~~and the Governor-Baxter-School for the Deaf within the Department of Educational and Cultural Services.~~

Further amend the Bill by inserting at the end before the Statement of Fact the following:

'Sec. 3. 34 MRSA §41, 2nd sentence, is amended to read: These visitors shall be appointed for ~~a term of one year~~ terms on a schedule of 2 members for one year, 2 members for 2 years and 3 members for 3 years, and shall be eligible for reappointment.

Sec. 4. 34 MRSA §41, 3rd sentence, as amended by PL 1977, c. 554, §127, is repealed.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment alters the title of the bill, which no longer eliminates all boards of visitors with the Department of Mental Health and Corrections.

It expands membership on all boards of visitors to 7 people, including members of the Legislature, for staggered terms.

The amendment also requires the Governor Baxter School  
of Visitors on Education  
for the Deaf Board to report to the Joint Standing Committee/  
Joint Standing Committee on  
rather than the Health and Institutional Services.

Reported by the Majority of the Committee on Health and  
Institutional Services.

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