

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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H. P. 836

House of Representatives, February 25, 1981

Referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Davies of Orono.

Cosponsors: Representative Tarbell of Bangor and Representative
Connolly of Portland

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

AN ACT Creating a Student Seat 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 P&SL 1865, c. 532, § 4, as last amended by PL 1977, c. 696, § 354, is repealed and the following enacted in its place: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 16 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. **Student member.** One of the members shall be a full-time student at any campus of the University of Maine at the time of his appointment and shall be a permanent resident of the State of Maine. To be eligible as a student member a student must be enrolled for a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester. 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 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 student member may not be appointed from the student body of any one campus of the University of Maine if that appointment would result in a student or students from that campus serving 2 consecutive 2-year terms.

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 student member shall be nominated for a 2-year term by the Governor within 60 days after the effective date of this Act.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill provides for a student member of the University of Maine Board of Trustees.

The Legislature, in the recent past, has established a policy of placing consumers on boards and commissions of State Government. This bill would place a consumer of educational services, a student, on the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine.