

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 1024

7 S.P. 350

In Senate, March 4, 1983

8 Referred to the Committee on Education. Sent down for concurrence and
9 ordered printed.

10 JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Hayes of Penobscot.

Cosponsor: Representative Handy of Lewiston.

12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
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17 AN ACT Relating to the Board of Trustees
18 of the University of Maine.
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20 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
21 follows:

22 P&SL 1865, c. 532, §4, as last amended by PL
23 1977, c. 696, §§352-354, is repealed and the follow-
24 ing enacted in its place:

25 Sec. 4. Board of trustees. The board of
26 trustees of the university shall consist of 19 per-
27 sons. The Commissioner of Educational and Cultural
28 Services shall serve as a voting member ex officio.
29 Eighteen of the members shall be appointed by the
30 Governor for 7-year terms, except as otherwise pro-
31 vided in this section. Two members shall be tenured
32 faculty members of the university, not more than one
33 of whom may be employed at the Orono campus. One of
34 these trustees shall be appointed for a 4-year term

1 and upon the completion of that term the position
2 shall carry a 7-year term. Two other members shall
3 be currently enrolled sophomore or junior undergrad-
4 uate students, no more than one of whom may be
5 enrolled at the Orono campus. A student member of
6 the board shall serve a 2-year term or until the
7 graduation of the class of which the student trustee
8 is a member, whichever occurs first. No person
9 appointed to the board may also be a current member
10 of the State Board of Education.

11 All terms of office, except those of student mem-
12 bers, shall expire on May 26th of the appropriate
13 year, except that a member shall continue to serve
14 until a successor trustee has been appointed and
15 qualified to assume office. Any vacancy shall be
16 filled by the Governor, subject to review by the
17 joint standing committee of the Legislature having
18 jurisdiction over education and to confirmation by
19 the Legislature, for the unexpired balance of the
20 term. Trustees are eligible for reappointment only
21 once, except that any trustee appointed to fill a
22 vacancy where the unexpired balance of the term is 3
23 years or less, shall be eligible for reappointment
24 for 2 full 7-year terms. Trustees shall retire on
25 reaching the age of 70. In order to restore and
26 maintain rotation of terms of office of trustees, an
27 incumbent trustee who was appointed for a term of 7
28 years at a time subsequent to the expiration of the
29 term of his predecessor in office, shall be deemed to
30 have commenced his 7-year term upon the date of the
31 expiration of the term of office of his predecessor
32 rather than from the date of his appointment and
33 qualification.

34 Trustees shall serve without pay, but shall
35 receive their actual traveling and other expenses
36 incurred in the performance of their official duties.
37 The board of trustees shall, when practicable, meet
38 from time to time at each of the various campuses of
39 the university.

40 STATEMENT OF FACT

41 This bill expands the size of the University of
42 Maine Board of Trustees by 4 members. Two are to be

1 tenured faculty members, only one of whom may teach
2 at the Orono campus. The 2 other new trustees are to
3 be sophomore or junior undergraduate students who
4 will only serve 2-year terms. The bill makes no
5 other substantive changes in the organization of the
6 board.

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