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9 Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council  
10 pursuant to Joint Rule 27.

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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

11 Presented by Representative Diamond of Bangor.

Cosponsors: Representative Locke of Sebec, Representative Higgins of  
Scarborough and Senator Wood of York.

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13 STATE OF MAINE  
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15 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
16 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR  
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18 AN ACT to Establish Boards of Overseers  
19 for the University of Maine.  
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21 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
22 follows:

23 Sec. 1. P&SL 1865, c. 532, §4-B, sub-§3, as en-  
24 acted by P&SL 1967, c. 229, §3, is amended to read:

25 3. Head of each campus, duties. The head of  
26 each campus shall be the chief administrative and ed-  
27 ucational officer thereof and shall be called the  
28 president. The president shall be responsible for  
29 the day to day operation and development of its the  
30 academic program within the limits defined by the  
31 board of trustees and the chancellor for the campus  
32 of which he is president; and in addition, shall ex-  
33 ercise such rights and privileges as are generally  
34 recognized in the administering of admissions, cur-  
35 riculum development, extra curricular programs, ~~long~~

1 rang long-range planning within the framework of the  
2 overall university plan, and supervision of faculty.  
3 The president shall perform his duties within the  
4 limits defined by the board of trustees and the chan-  
5 cellor and consistent with the direction and counsel  
6 of the board of overseers for the campus.

7       Sec. 2. P&SL 1865, c. 532, §4-B, sub-§§5, 5-A  
8 and 5-B are enacted to read:

9       5. Boards of overseers; duties. The boards of  
10 overseers for each campus shall have the following  
11 duties and responsibilities for the respective cam-  
12 pus:

13       A. When a vacancy occurs in the position of  
14 president, to recommend through the chancellor to  
15 the board of trustees a nominee for the position  
16 of president;

17       B. To conduct or oversee a biannual performance  
18 review of the president and to relay the results  
19 through the chancellor to the board of trustees;

20       C. In consultation with the president and con-  
21 sistent with the overall plan for the university  
22 system approved by the chancellor and the board  
23 of trustees, to develop a mission statement and a  
24 long-range plan for the campus. The overseers  
25 shall review the mission statement and the long-  
26 range plan biannually;

27       D. To review and approve the budget developed by  
28 the president for the campus and to submit the  
29 budget to the chancellor and the board of trust-  
30 ees;

31       E. To review and approve major academic policies  
32 developed by the president, such as the addition  
33 or termination of academic programs, the stan-  
34 dards for admission and standards for receipt of  
35 degrees from the campus;

36       F. To serve as a resource for the president in  
37 developing and implementing criteria and policies  
38 to assure excellence in programs, teaching and  
39 scholarship at the undergraduate and graduate  
40 level;

- 1           G. To serve as a resource for the president in  
2           developing and implementing criteria and policies  
3           to assure excellence in research at the campus;
- 4           H. To serve as a resource for the president in  
5           developing and implementing criteria and policies  
6           to assure excellence in public service programs  
7           and activities provided by the campus;
- 8           I. To pursue on behalf of the campus endowments,  
9           grants, gifts, contributions and other private  
10           funding support for the benefit of the campus;  
11           and
- 12           J. To assist the president in establishing and  
13           maintaining proper relations between the campus  
14           and its programs and the public in order to serve  
15           the needs and interests of both.

16           5-A. Boards of overseers; purpose. The purpose  
17           of the establishment of boards of overseers is to  
18           maintain, support and strengthen the unified system  
19           of the University of Maine, established by Private  
20           and Special Law 1865, chapter 532, and as amended by  
21           Private and Special Law 1967, chapter 229.

22           5-B. Boards of overseers; establishment. There  
23           shall be established boards of overseers for each of  
24           the 7 campuses of the University of Maine: The Uni-  
25           versity of Southern Maine; the University of Maine at  
26           Orono; the University of Maine at Augusta; the Uni-  
27           versity of Maine at Farmington; the University of  
28           Maine at Fort Kent; the University of Maine at  
29           Presque Isle; and the University of Maine at Machias.  
30           Each board of overseers shall consist of 5 members.  
31           Three members shall be appointed by the Governor,  
32           subject to review by the joint standing committee of  
33           the Legislature having jurisdiction over education  
34           and confirmation by the Legislature. Two members  
35           shall be appointed by the president of the campus for  
36           which the board has responsibility. Initial appoint-  
37           ments shall be made for the following terms: For the  
38           3 overseers for each campus appointed by the Gover-  
39           nor, one shall serve a 3-year term, one shall serve a  
40           4-year term and one shall serve a 5-year term. For  
41           the overseers appointed by the president, one shall  
42           serve a 3-year term and one shall serve a 4-year

1 term. Thereafter all overseers shall serve 5-year  
2 terms. No overseer may be appointed for more than 2  
3 successive terms. Vacancies shall be filled in like  
4 manner as the original appointment for the unexpired  
5 balance of the term. If the unexpired balance of the  
6 term is 2 or more years, that term shall be deemed a  
7 complete term for purposes of the limitation on suc-  
8 cessive terms. Each board of overseers shall select  
9 a chairman. Each board shall select one member to  
10 represent the overseers as a nonvoting member of the  
11 board of trustees. Overseers shall serve without  
12 pay, but shall receive their actual traveling and  
13 other expenses incurred in the performance of their  
14 official duties.

15 STATEMENT OF FACT

16 This bill creates boards of overseers for each  
17 campus in the University of Maine system. The boards  
18 would be subsidiary to the centralized authority and  
19 function of the board of trustees. Overseers would  
20 work with the president of each campus. The role of  
21 boards of overseers within the university system  
22 would be:

23 1. To more effectively secure funding and advoca-  
24 cacy for the university system;

25 2. To encourage and ensure long and short-range  
26 planning at the campus level;

27 3. To strengthen links between the campus and  
28 various constituents such as business, agriculture  
29 and labor;

30 4. To be a resource for the president in making  
31 policy decisions and to provide the perspective of  
32 the community for those decisions; and

33 5. To aid each campus in performing at a level  
34 of excellence in every endeavor, consistent with its  
35 mission and the needs of its constituents.

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