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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 2221

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7 H.P. 1684

House of Representatives, March 13, 1984

8 Submitted by the Joint Standing Committee on Education, as approved
9 by Legislative Council on June 8, 1983.

10 Reported by Representative Locke from the Committee on Education to
which was referred by the Legislative Council the study relative to the Report
by NBHE: "Threat to Excellence" and printed under Joint Rule 19.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

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12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR
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17 AN ACT Concerning Higher Education.
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19 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
20 follows:

21 Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA c. 405, as enacted by PL 1981,
22 c. 693, §§5 and 8, is repealed.

23 Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §10902-A is enacted to read:

24 §10902-A. Report by trustees

25 The trustees, or their board representative,
26 shall appear annually, in January, before the Joint
27 Select Committee on Education to report on efforts by
28 the university system to comply with the state public
29 policy on higher education established by section
30 10902. That report shall include, but need not be
31 limited to, the following:

1 1. Planning. Efforts of the trustees to assure
2 a cohesive system of planning for a delivery of high-
3 er educational opportunities; and

4 2. Accounting. An accounting of the prior
5 year's funding.

6 Sec. 3. P&SL 1865, c. 532, § 4, sub-§2, as
7 amended by P&SL 1983, c. 33, §2, is further amended
8 to read:

9 2. Members appointed by the Governor. Fourteen
10 members shall be appointed for ~~7-year~~ 5-year terms by
11 the Governor, subject to review by the ~~Joint Standing~~
12 ~~Committee on Education~~ joint standing committee of
13 the Legislature having jurisdiction over education
14 and confirmation by the Legislature. Each term shall
15 expire on May 26th of the appropriate year, except
16 that the retiring member shall serve until a succes-
17 or is appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the
18 Legislature. No person accepting such appointment
19 may be a member of the State Board of Education. In
20 making appointments, the Governor shall strive to
21 achieve a membership which is representative of the
22 population of this State. In so far as feasible when
23 selecting qualified nominees to the board, the Gover-
24 nor shall consider the nominee's sex, professional
25 education and experience and an equitable geographi-
26 cal representation among the members. Trustees may
27 serve a maximum of 2 terms, except that an individual
28 appointed to fill an unexpired term of 3 years or
29 less is eligible for appointment to 2 full terms.
30 ~~Trustees shall retire on reaching the age of 70.~~ Va-
31 cancies shall be filled by the Governor, subject to
32 review by the ~~Joint Standing Committee on Education~~
33 joint standing committee of the Legislature having
34 jurisdiction over education and confirmation by the
35 Legislature, for the unexpired balance of the term.
36 In order to restore and maintain rotation of terms of
37 office of trustees, an incumbent trustee who was ap-
38 pointed for a term of ~~7~~ 5 years at a time subsequent
39 to the expiration of the term of his predecessor in
40 office shall be deemed to have commenced his ~~7-year~~
41 5-year term upon the date of the expiration of the
42 term of office of his predecessor rather than from
43 the date of his appointment and qualification.
44 Trustees shall serve without compensation, but may be

