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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
115TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 173, L.D. 258, Bill, "An Act to Provide for a Student Member of the Board of Trustees of the Maine Technical College System"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, addition of a student member to the Board of Trustees of the Maine Technical College System is a priority; and

Whereas, failure to enact this legislation as an emergency will deny student representation on the Board of Trustees of the Maine Technical College System until at least February, 1992; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §12705, sub-§1, as amended by PL 1989, c. 700, Pt. A, §67, is further amended to read:

1. Membership. The board of trustees shall---~~consist~~ consists of 9 10 appointed voting members and 2 3 ex officio, voting members as follows:

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- 2 A. One from the State Board of Education;
- 4 B. One from the Board of Trustees of the University of
Maine System;
- 6 C. Seven from the field of business and industry, the field
of labor, the field of education and the general public;
- 8 D. The Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's
10 successor, who shall serve ex officio;
- 12 E. The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development,
or the commissioner's successor, who shall serve ex officio;
14 and
- 16 F. The Commissioner of Labor, or the commissioner's
successor, who shall serve ex officio; and

18 G. One member who is from the student body of one of the
20 technical college campuses at the time of appointment and
22 who is a permanent resident of the State. To be eligible
24 for appointment as a student member, a student must be
enrolled for a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester.

26 The student member is a full voting member of the board of
28 trustees and shall serve for a 2-year term and until a
30 successor is qualified. By January 1st of every 2nd year,
32 the president of the system shall solicit a list of 5
34 eligible students from the student governments from 5 of the
36 campuses within the Maine Technical College System; the 6th
38 campus being excluded in accordance with this subsection.
40 The Governor shall then nominate a student trustee chosen
42 from the list within 30 days of receiving the list of
names. The nomination is subject to review by the joint
standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction
over education matters and to confirmation by the
Legislature. The student trustee may not come from the same
campus in any 2 consecutive terms. In the event that the
student trustee transfers from one campus to another during
the student's term of appointment, the student's original
campus of enrollment is the campus excluded when the next
student trustee is appointed.

44 **Sec. 2. Transition.** The following provision governs the
46 transition to the appointment of a student member of the Board of
Trustees of the Maine Technical College System under this Act.

48 **1. First student trustee.** Each student government of the
50 Maine Technical College System shall select one eligible student
for nomination to the board of trustees within 30 days of the
52 approval of this Act. The President of the Maine Technical
College System shall forward the names to the Governor within 5

2 working days and the Governor shall then nominate a student
3 member chosen from the list within 30 days. The first student
4 selected will serve an abbreviated term ending when a successor
5 is selected in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title
6 20-A, section 12705, subsection 1, paragraph G in 1993.

7 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
8 preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

10 **FISCAL NOTE**

12 This bill increases the membership of the Board of Trustees
13 of the Maine Technical College System by one member. The
14 expenses associated with the additional member can be absorbed
15 within existing resources of the Maine Technical College System.'

18 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

20 This amendment makes the following changes.

22 1. The amendment adds an emergency preamble, transition
23 language and an emergency clause to permit immediate selection of
24 the first student trustee.

26 2. The amendment reduces the student trustee term of office
27 from 4 years to 2 years.

28 3. The amendment adds a provision requiring that
29 nominations be submitted to the President of the Maine Technical
30 College System for transmittal to the Governor by January 1st of
31 every 2nd year.

32 4. The amendment adds a provision covering the transfer of
33 a student trustee from one campus to another during the student's
34 term of office.

36 5. The amendment adds a fiscal note.
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