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Reference to the Committee on Education suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative MAHANY of Easton.

Cosponsored by Representative HANDY of Lewiston, Representative KILKELLY of Wiscasset and Senator McCORMICK of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

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

An Act to Revise the Composition of the Board of Trustees of the
University of Maine System.

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

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3 Sec. 1. P&SL 1865, c. 532, §4, sub-§1, as repealed and replaced
4 by P&SL 1983, c. 33, §1, is amended to read:

6 1. **Commissioner of Education.** The Commissioner of
7 ~~Educational--and--Cultural--Services~~ Education shall serve as a
8 voting member ex officio.

10 Sec. 2. P&SL 1865, c. 532, §4, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1983, c.
11 799, §4, is further amended to read:

12 2. **Members appointed by the Governor.** Fourteen members
13 shall ~~be~~ are appointed for 5-year terms by the Governor, subject
14 to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature
15 having jurisdiction over education and confirmation by the
16 Legislature, except as provided in subsection 3. Each term shall
17 ~~expire~~ expires on May 26th of the appropriate year, except that
18 the retiring member shall serve until a successor is appointed by
19 the Governor and confirmed by the Legislature. No person
20 accepting such an appointment may be a member of the State Board
21 of Education. In making appointments, the Governor shall strive
22 to achieve a membership which is representative of the population
23 of this State. ~~In--so--far~~ Insofar as feasible when selecting
24 qualified nominees to the board, the Governor shall consider
25 affirmative action criteria, professional education and
26 experience and an equitable geographical representation among the
27 members. Two of the trustees must be faculty trustees who have
28 doctoral degrees and are teaching faculty members and not
29 administrators. One must be from the field of humanities or
30 social sciences and one from the field of natural sciences. The
31 2 faculty trustees must be selected so that for any concurrent
32 5-year terms of the 2 faculty trustees, one must represent the
33 University of Maine and the other must represent a campus in the
34 southern part of the State excluding the University of Southern
35 Maine or one must represent the University of Southern Maine and
36 the other must represent the northern part of the State excluding
37 the University of Maine. The 2 possible combinations of
38 representation of faculty trustees must alternate every 5 years.
39 Trustees may serve a maximum of 2 terms, except that an
40 individual appointed to fill an unexpired term of 3 years or less
41 is eligible for appointment to 2 full terms. Vacancies shall
42 must be filled by the Governor, subject to review by the joint
43 standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over
44 education and confirmation by the Legislature, for the unexpired
45 balance of the term. In order to restore and maintain rotation
46 of terms of office of trustees, an incumbent trustee who was
47 appointed for a term of 5 years at a time subsequent to the
48 expiration of the term of ~~his~~ the trustee's predecessor in office
49 shall ~~be~~ is deemed to have commenced ~~his~~ the 5-year term upon the
50 date of the expiration of the term of office of ~~his~~ the trustee's
51 predecessor rather than from the date of ~~his~~ appointment and
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2 qualification. Trustees shall serve without compensation, but
3 may be reimbursed for travel and other expenses incurred in the
4 performance of their official duties.

6 **Sec. 3. P&SL 1865, c. 532, §4, sub-§3,** as amended by PL 1985, c.
7 779, §§90 and 91, is further amended to read:

8 **3. Student members.** ~~One~~ Two of the members shall ~~must~~ be a
9 full-time ~~student~~ students at ~~one--of--the~~ campuses of the
10 University of Maine System at the time of appointment and shall
11 ~~must~~ be a permanent ~~resident~~ residents of the State. To be
12 eligible as a student member, a student must be enrolled for a
13 minimum of 12 credit hours per semester. The student member
14 ~~shall-be-a~~ members are full voting member ~~members~~ of the Board of
15 Trustees, and shall serve for a 2-year ~~term~~ terms and until a
16 ~~successee--is~~ successors are qualified. The Governor shall
17 nominate the student member ~~members~~ from a list of 5 eligible
18 students submitted by the University of Maine System organization
19 of student governments. The ~~nominations~~ shall nominations must be
20 made within 30 days of receiving the list of names and shall ~~be~~
21 are subject to review by the ~~Joint--Standing--Committee--on~~
22 Education joint standing committee of the Legislature having
23 jurisdiction over education and confirmation by the Legislature.
24 ~~The student representative shall not come from the same campus in~~
25 ~~any 2 consecutive terms.~~ The 2 student trustees must be selected
26 so that for any concurrent 2-year terms of the 2 student
27 trustees, one must represent the University of Maine and the
28 other must represent a campus in the southern part of the State
29 excluding the University of Southern Maine or one must represent
30 the University of Southern Maine and the other must represent the
31 northern part of the State excluding the University of Maine.
32 The 2 possible combinations of representation of student trustees
33 must alternate every 2 years.

34 35 STATEMENT OF FACT

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37 This bill revises the composition of the Board of Trustees
38 of the University of Maine System to include 2 teaching faculty
39 members and an additional student member. Geographical
40 delineation is also included as a requirement in appointing the
41 teaching faculty and student members.
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