

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 117th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 400

House of Representatives, February 14, 1995

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### An Act to Improve the Efficiency of the Maine Technical College System.

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Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative CLOUTIER of South Portland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, AULT of Wayne, BIRNEY of Paris, BUNKER of Kossuth Township, CHIZMAR of Lisbon, DAGGETT of Augusta, DESMOND of Mapleton, DONNELLY of Presque Isle, FISHER of Brewer, GWADOSKY of Fairfield, HARTNETT of Freeport, HICHBORN of LaGrange, JACQUES of Waterville, JOHNSON of South Portland, JONES of Bar Harbor, JOSEPH of Waterville, KERR of Old Orchard Beach, LEMAIRE of Lewiston, MITCHELL of Vassalboro, MORRISON of Bangor, PENDLETON of Scarborough, POULIN of Oakland, POULIOT of Lewiston, SIROIS of Caribou, TOWNSEND of Portland, TUTTLE of Sanford, VIGUE of Winslow, Senators: AMERO of Cumberland, ESTY of Cumberland, FAIRCLOTH of Penobscot, HARRIMAN of Cumberland, McCORMICK of Kennebec, PARADIS of Aroostook, RAND of Cumberland, RUHLIN of Penobscot.

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

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4       **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §12705, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 111, §1, is further amended to read:

6       **1. Membership.** The board of trustees consists of 13  
8 appointed voting members ~~and 3 ex-officio, voting members~~ as follows:

10       C. Twelve graduates of the Maine Technical College System  
12 who are from the field of business and industry, the field  
of labor, the field of education and the general public; and

14 ~~D. The Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's~~  
~~successor, who serves ex-officio;~~

16 ~~E. The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development,~~  
18 ~~or the commissioner's successor, who serves ex-officio;~~

20 ~~F. The Commissioner of Labor, or the commissioner's~~  
22 ~~successor, who serves ex-officio; and~~

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

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

48       **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §12710**, as amended by PL 1989, c. 443, §46,  
50 is further amended to read:

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**§12710. Maine Technical College System Office**

The Maine Technical College System Office shall implement the policies of the board of trustees and shall provide ~~staff-and technical-assistance-to-each-college-and~~ state-level coordination and leadership to the system. Expenditures for the system office may not exceed 2% of the State's appropriation to the system.

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**STATEMENT OF FACT**

This bill changes the composition of the Board of Trustees of the Maine Technical College System by requiring certain members to be graduates of the Maine Technical College System and by eliminating 3 ex officio commissioner members. The bill also repeals the requirement that the Maine Technical College System Office provide staff and technical assistance to each college and requires that expenditures for the system office not exceed 2% of the State's appropriation to the system.