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**STATE OF MAINE
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 692, L.D. 943, Bill, "An Act to Create an Honorary Position of Maine State Poet Laureate"

Amend the bill in section 3 in that part designated "~~§421.~~" in subsection 3 by striking out all of paragraph A (page 1, lines 48 and 49 and page 2, lines 1 to 3 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'A. The panel is composed of one representative of the University of Maine System with expertise in poetry, selected by the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System; one representative of private colleges and universities in the State with expertise in poetry, selected by an association of independent colleges; one public school teacher with expertise in poetry, selected by an association of secondary English teachers in the State; and the director of the Maine State Library and the Director of the Maine Arts Commission, who serve as cochairs.'

Further amend the bill in section 3 in that part designated "~~§421.~~" in subsection 3 in paragraph B in the first line (page 2, line 5 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "By" and inserting in its place the following: 'Each panel member shall annually survey the colleagues the member represents to identify the names of potential candidates to be considered by the full panel for the position of State Poet Laureate. By'

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2 Further amend the bill in section 3 in that part designated
"§421." in subsection 3 in paragraph C in the 2nd line (page 2,
4 line 10 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "meet as soon as
6 possible to" and inserting in its place the following: 'as soon
as possible'

8 Further amend the bill in section 3 in that part designated
"§421." in subsection 5 in paragraph B in the 4th line (page 2,
10 line 30 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "on" and
inserting in its place the following: 'by'

12 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the
14 statement of fact the following:

16 **FISCAL NOTE**

18 The State Poet Laureate Selection Advisory Panel may incur
minor costs, which can be absorbed by the Maine Arts Commission,
20 the Maine State Library and the University of Maine System
utilizing existing budgeted resources.'

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24 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

26 This amendment changes the membership of the State Poet
Laureate Selection Advisory Panel by eliminating from the panel
28 the chairs of the English departments of each of the campuses of
the University of Maine System and replacing them with one
30 representative of the University of Maine System, one
representative of private universities and colleges and one
32 representative of public school English teachers. This amendment
adds a provision requiring each panel member to survey the
34 colleagues the member represents for the names of candidates to
be considered by the full panel for recommendation to the
36 Governor. This amendment also makes technical changes to the
bill and adds a fiscal note.