

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION-1997

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S.P. 296

In Senate, February 11, 1997

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### An Act to Include Youth in Public Service.

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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 "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator JENKINS of Androscoggin.  
Cosponsored by Representative VIGUE of Winslow and  
Senators: MacKINNON of York, MURRAY of Penobscot, NUTTING of Androscoggin,  
RAND of Cumberland.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §1005** is enacted to read:

6 **§1005. Student member**

8 Beginning in school year 1997-98, each school board must  
10 have a nonvoting member who is a secondary public school  
12 student. The student member is selected by the other elected  
members and must attend a public secondary school within the  
geographical jurisdiction of the school board. The term of the  
student member is coterminous with the school year.

14 **Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §2005** is enacted to read:

16 **§2005. Student member**

18 Beginning December 1, 1998, the municipal officers shall  
20 select a student who resides in the municipality and attends a  
22 public secondary school to serve as a nonvoting member on the  
municipal legislative body. The term of the student member is  
coterminous with the school year.

24 **Sec. 3. Secondary school students; state organizations.** The State  
26 Planning Office shall review all state organizations, including  
28 boards and commissions, to determine on which of those  
30 organizations it is appropriate to include a secondary public  
32 school student as a nonvoting member and shall report its  
findings, including any necessary implementing legislation to  
ensure appropriate placement of those student members, to the  
Second Regular Session of the 118th Legislature by January 1,  
1998.

34 **SUMMARY**

36 This bill seeks to involve the youth of the State in public  
38 service. The bill requires school boards and municipal  
40 legislative bodies to select secondary school students to serve  
42 as nonvoting members on those bodies. The bill further directs  
the State Planning Office to review state organizations,  
including boards and commissions, to determine on which ones it  
would be appropriate to place student members.