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No. 1315

H.P. 952

House of Representatives, March 4, 1997

An Act to Make the University of Maine System Board of Trustees an Elected Body.

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative LEMKE of Westbrook.
Cosponsored by Senator HALL of Piscataquis and
Representatives: AHEARNE of Madawaska, BERRY of Belmont, BUCK of Yarmouth,
GOODWIN of Pembroke, JOY of Crystal, O'NEAL of Limestone, VEDRAL of Buxton,
WHEELER of Bridgewater.

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

4 **Sec. 1. P&SL 1865, c. 532, §4, first ¶, first sentence,** as amended by
PL 1985, c. 779, §89, is further amended to read:

6 **Section 4. Board of Trustees.** The Board of Trustees of the
University of Maine System shall--~~consist~~ consists of 16 18
8 members.

10 **Sec. 2. P&SL 1865, c. 532, §4, sub-§2,** as amended by PL 1983, c.
799, §4, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

12 2. **Members; election.** One member must be elected from each
14 of the 16 counties of the State at a statewide general election
16 held in November. Members serve 4-year terms beginning on
18 January 1st of the year following the election. Trustees may
20 serve a maximum of 2 terms, except that a person appointed to
22 fill an unexpired term of 2 years or less is eligible for
24 election to 2 full terms. Vacancies must be filled by the
Governor, subject to review by the joint standing committee of
the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters.
Trustees serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for
travel and other expenses incurred in the performance of their
official duties.

26 **Sec. 3. Effective date; transition.** This Act takes effect January
28 1, 1998. Current members of the Board of Trustees of the
University of Maine System serve until January 1, 1999. The
30 Governor may fill vacancies in the manner provided by the
university charter on July 1, 1997. The first election of
32 trustees under this Act occurs at the November general election
in 1998. Members elected in 1998 assume office on January 1,
1999.

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38 **SUMMARY**

40 This bill makes the members of the Board of Trustees of the
University of Maine System elected with one member from each
42 county.