

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 118th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## FIRST SPECIAL SESSION-1997

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Legislative Document

No. 1721

S.P. 564

In Senate, April 1, 1997

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**An Act Regarding Appointment to the Maine Public Broadcasting Board  
of Trustees.**

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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 CATHCART of Penobscot.  
Cosponsored by Senator PENDLETON of Cumberland, Representatives: BAKER of Bangor,  
BROOKS of Winterport.

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

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4       **Sec. 1. PL 1991, c. 848, §3** is amended by adding after the 2nd paragraph a new paragraph to read:

6       On January 1, 1998, the Board of Trustees of the Maine  
8       Public Broadcasting Corporation must consist of the following  
10       members: the chancellor of the University of Maine System; 3  
12       members who are members of the Board of Trustees of the  
14       University of Maine System; the President of Bates College; the  
16       President of Bowdoin College; the President of Colby College; and  
18       8 public trustees appointed by the Governor, 4 of whom are  
20       residents of this State's first congressional district and 4 of  
22       whom are residents of this State's 2nd congressional district.  
24       Insofar as it is feasible, when appointing public trustees, the  
26       Governor shall consider affirmative action criteria and  
28       professional education and experience. The President of the  
30       Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation may not be a member of the  
      board. By January 1, 1998, the board shall amend the Maine  
      Public Broadcasting Corporation bylaws to reflect the composition  
      and method of appointment of board members described in this  
      paragraph.

**SUMMARY**

26       This bill alters the composition of the Board of Trustees of  
28       the Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation. It requires the  
30       Governor to appoint 8 public trustees and prohibits the President  
      of the Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation from serving on the  
      board.