

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, December 26, 2001

An Act to Require that the State Board of Education Have One Student Member.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 19, 2001. Referred to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative JACOBS of Turner.
Cosponsored by Senator EDMONDS of Cumberland and
Representatives: LANDRY of Patten, MAILHOT of Lewiston, O'BRIEN of Lewiston,
PARADIS of Frenchville, TWOMEY of Biddeford, WATSON of Farmingdale.

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

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4 **Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §401, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 693, §§5 and 8, is amended to read:

6 **1. Appointment.** The state board ~~shall consist~~ consists of
9 members ~~who shall be~~ , and beginning February 1, 2003, one
8 student member appointed by the Governor. Each appointment shall
10 be is subject to review by the joint standing committee having
jurisdiction over education and to confirmation by the
Legislature.

12 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §401, sub-§§1-A, 1-B and 1-C** are enacted to
14 read:

16 **1-A. Nomination of student member.** The process for
18 nominating the student member is as follows.

20 A. The state board shall notify every public high school
22 principal by September 15th of each year that applications
are being accepted for the student member's position.

24 B. Applications for the student member's position must be
26 submitted to the state board no later than October 31st of
each year.

28 C. A screening committee of the state board shall select 6
semifinalists for the student member's position.

30 D. The state board shall, by December 31st of each year,
32 select 3 finalists for the Governor's consideration and
shall rank the finalists according to their preference.

34 **1-B. Term of student member.** Notwithstanding subsection
36 1-A, the term of office of the student member is one year.

38 **1-C. Qualifications for service as student member.** At the
time a student member's one-year term commences, the student must:

40 A. Be enrolled in good standing in a public high school in
42 the State;

44 B. Have completed 10th grade prior to the commencement of
the one-year term;

46 C. Have at least a B-plus average; and

2 D. Provide at least 3 references from teachers in the
3 school that the student attends.

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SUMMARY

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7 This bill expands the membership of the State Board of
8 Education to include one student member.