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EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

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123RD LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 133, L.D. 151, Bill, "An Act To Include Student Representation on the State Board of Education"

Amend the bill in section 1 by striking out all of subsection 1 (page 1, lines 4 to 8 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'1. **Appointment.** The state board ~~shall consist~~ consists of 9 members ~~who shall be~~ and, beginning in the 2007-2008 school year, 2 nonvoting student members, one junior and one senior in high school. All members are appointed by the Governor. One of the student members must reside in the State's First Congressional District at the time of appointment and one must reside in the State's Second Congressional District at the time of appointment. Each appointment ~~shall be~~ is subject to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters and to confirmation by the Legislature.'

Amend the bill in section 2 by striking out all of subsection 1-A (page 1, lines 10 to 22 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

'**1-A. Nomination of student members.** Each student member of the state board serves for a term of 2 years, except that the senior appointed in the 2007-2008 school year serves for one year. A junior in high school must be added each year to the state board to serve a term of 2 years.

A. The state board shall notify every public high school principal by March 15th of the year in which applications are being accepted for the student member's position.

B. Applications for the student member's position must be submitted to the state board no later than April 15th of the year in which applications are being accepted.

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

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1 D. The state board shall, by May 1st of the year in which applications are being
2 accepted, select 3 finalists for the Governor's consideration and shall rank the finalists
3 according to its preference.'

4 Amend the bill by striking out all of section 4 (page 1, lines 26 to 32 in L.D.) and
5 inserting the following:

6 'Sec. 4. 20-A MRSA §401, sub-§1-C is enacted to read:

7 1-C. Qualifications for service as student member. At the time a student member
8 of the state board's term commences, the student must:

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

10 B. Have completed 10th grade prior to the commencement of the term;

11 C. Provide at least 3 references from teachers in the school that the student attends;
12 and

13 D. Meet other criteria established by the state board in consultation with students in
14 the State.'

15 **SUMMARY**

16 The bill added one student member to the State Board of Education. This amendment
17 expands the membership of the board to include 2 student members, including one junior
18 in high school and one senior in high school, to serve as nonvoting members. The
19 amendment adds a requirement that one of the student members reside in the First
20 Congressional District and one in the Second Congressional District at the time of their
21 appointment. The amendment also changes several dates in the nomination process for
22 prospective student members to align with the phase-in of the terms of student members.
23 Finally, the amendment strikes the grade average prerequisite and replaces it with a
24 provision that other qualifications would be established by the board in consultation with
25 students in the State.

26 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**
27 **(See attached)**



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An Act To Include Student Representation on the State Board of Education

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The additional cost to the State Board of Education to expand its membership by 2 student members is estimated to be approximately \$2,000 per year and can be absorbed within the board's existing budgeted resources.