

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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

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Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative FARRINGTON of Gorham.  
Cosponsored by Senator MITCHELL of Kennebec, Senator SCHNEIDER of Penobscot and  
Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, NORTON of Bangor.

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

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

4 **1. Appointment.** The state board ~~shall consist~~ consists of 9 members ~~who shall be~~  
5 and, beginning February 1, 2008, one student member, all of whom are appointed by the  
6 Governor. Each appointment shall be is subject to review by the joint standing  
7 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters and to  
8 confirmation by the Legislature.

9 **Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §401, sub-§1-A** is enacted to read:

10 **1-A. Nomination of student member.** The student member of the state board  
11 serves for a term of 2 years pursuant to subsection 1-B and is nominated in odd-numbered  
12 years as follows.

13 A. The state board shall notify every public high school principal by September  
14 15th of the year in which applications are being accepted for the student member's  
15 position.

16 B. Applications for the student member's position must be submitted to the state  
17 board no later than October 31st of the year in which applications are being accepted.

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

20 D. The state board shall, by December 31st of the year in which applications are  
21 being accepted, select 3 finalists for the Governor's consideration and shall rank the  
22 finalists according to its preference.

23 **Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §401, sub-§1-B** is enacted to read:

24 **1-B. Term of student member.** Notwithstanding subsection 4, the term of office of  
25 the student member of the state board is 2 years.

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

27 **1-C. Qualifications for service as student member.** At the time a student member  
28 of the state board's 2-year term commences, the student must:

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

30 B. Have completed 10th grade prior to the commencement of the 2-year term;

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

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

**SUMMARY**

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2       This bill expands the membership of the State Board of Education to include one  
3 student member.