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House of Representatives, March 30, 2017

**An Act Regarding the Maine Length of Service Award Program
Board of Trustees**

Reference to the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative HERBIG of Belfast.
Cosponsored by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec and
Representatives: FECTION of Biddeford, LONGSTAFF of Waterville, MASTRACCIO of
Sanford, NADEAU of Winslow, THERIAULT of China, Senators: CARSON of Cumberland,
MAKER of Washington.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §3372, sub-§3, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 352, §1, is
3 amended to read:

4 C. The terms of the trustees are determined as follows.

5 (1) Each trustee serves a term of 3 years.

6 (2) A trustee continues to serve after the expiration of that trustee's term until a
7 successor is appointed and qualified, but the trustee's continuation as a trustee
8 does not change the expiration date of the trustee's term.

9 (3) The term of a trustee appointed to succeed a trustee whose term has expired
10 begins on the day after the expiration date of the 3-year term of the previous
11 trustee, regardless of the effective date of the new appointment.

12 (4) An appointment to any vacancy caused by death, resignation or ineligibility
13 is for the unexpired portion of the term. An appointment made by the Governor
14 to a vacancy must be made within 60 days after the vacancy occurs. If the
15 Governor does not make the appointment to fill the vacancy within 60 days, the
16 chair of the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission shall make the
17 appointment.

18 **Sec. 2. Appointments to Maine Length of Service Award Program Board**
19 **of Trustees.** Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 3372,
20 subsection 3, paragraph A, if the appointments to the Maine Length of Service Award
21 Program Board of Trustees under Title 5, section 3372, subsection 3, paragraph A,
22 subparagraphs (1) to (3) have not been made within 30 days of the effective date of this
23 Act, the chair of the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission shall make the
24 appointments in the same manner.

25 **SUMMARY**

26 This bill amends the laws governing the Maine Length of Service Award Program
27 Board of Trustees to require the chair of the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission
28 to appoint initial members to the board of trustees if those appointments have not been
29 made within 30 days of the effective date of this legislation. The bill also requires the
30 chair of the Maine Fire Protection Services Commission to make an appointment to fill a
31 vacancy on the board of trustees if the appointment is not made within 60 days of the
32 vacancy.