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House of Representatives, February 11, 2020

**An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Right To Know
Advisory Committee Concerning Membership of the Archives
Advisory Board**

Reported by Representative BAILEY of Saco for the Joint Standing Committee on
Judiciary pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 1, section 411, subsection 6, paragraph
G.

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed
pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

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

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §96, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 2019, c. 50, §12, is amended to
3 read:

4 **2. Members.** The Archives Advisory Board consists of ~~9~~ 12 voting members with
5 expertise in the administrative, fiscal, legal and historical value of records. Voting
6 members of the board must represent the spectrum of records in the State and are
7 appointed by the Secretary of State as follows:

8 A. Two public members representing the interests of public access to government
9 records, recommended by a public interest group;

10 B. Two members from municipal or county government with expertise in local
11 government records, recommended by local or county government entities;

12 C. One member representing a state or local historical society, recommended by a
13 state or local historical society;

14 D. One member with expertise in the legal requirements of records retention and
15 public records law, recommended by the Attorney General;

16 E. One member with expertise in the State's fiscal requirements of records retention,
17 recommended by the Governor;

18 F. One member from the executive branch with expertise in executive branch
19 records, recommended by the Governor; ~~and~~

20 G. One member from the Department of Administrative and Financial Services,
21 Office of Information Technology with expertise in electronic records, electronic
22 records management systems and emerging technology related to electronic records,
23 recommended by the Governor;

24 H. Two members representing journalists, newspapers, broadcasters and other news
25 media interests; and

26 I. One member representing advocates for the protection of personal privacy
27 interests.

28 The State Archivist serves as a nonvoting member.

29 **SUMMARY**

30 This bill implements the recommendations of the Right To Know Advisory
31 Committee in the Fourteenth Annual Report of the Right to Know Advisory Committee
32 concerning the membership of the Archives Advisory Board.

33 This bill adds 3 members to the Archives Advisory Board to ensure that journalists,
34 newspapers, broadcasters and other news media as well as personal privacy protection
35 advocates are represented in the expertise involved in the development of records
36 retention schedules.