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## CHAPTER 129

H.P. 640 - L.D. 921

**An Act To Restructure the Board of  
Trustees of the Maine School of  
Science and Mathematics**

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

**Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §8204, sub-§1, ¶E**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 706, Pt. A, §4 and amended by PL 2003, c. 20, Pt. OO, §2 and affected by §4, is repealed.

**Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §8204, sub-§1, ¶G**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 706, Pt. A, §4, is amended to read:

G. ~~Eight Ten~~ members of the general public appointed by the Governor, at least ~~5~~ 4 of whom must be scientists, engineers or mathematicians employed within the business or industrial community ~~and one of whom must have expertise in instructional television, appointed by the Governor, one of whom must be a graduate of the Maine School of Science and Mathematics and one of whom must be a parent of a student or of a graduate who graduated within 5 years prior to the parent's appointment to the board of trustees.~~ All appointments under this paragraph are subject to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters and subject to confirmation by the Legislature;

**Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §8204, sub-§1, ¶H**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 706, Pt. A, §4, is repealed.

**Sec. 4. 20-A MRSA §8204, sub-§6**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 706, Pt. A, §4, is amended to read:

**6. Terms.** The terms of the members of the board of trustees who are appointed by the Governor are for 4-year terms unless otherwise designated. The terms of the 2 teachers appointed by the Governor are staggered. Of the initial appointees, one is appointed for a term of 2 years and one is appointed for a term of 4 years.

~~The terms of the 8- 10 members of the general public are serve 4-year staggered terms. Of the initial appointees, 4 are appointed for terms of 2 years and 4 for terms of 4 years. Members may be appointed for consecutive terms.~~

See title page for effective date.

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## CHAPTER 130

H.P. 607 - L.D. 856

**An Act Allowing School Unions To  
Improve Efficiency**

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

**Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §1902, sub-§3, ¶E**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 131, §1, is further amended to read:

E. May authorize a school administrative unit within the school union to serve as a contractual employer of teachers and other personnel who provide services to more than one unit in the union. Employment is subject to section 13201 and Title 26, chapter 9-A; and

**Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §1902, sub-§3, ¶F**, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 131, §1, is amended to read:

F. May assume additional responsibilities delegated by the school boards of the school administrative units comprising the school union. ~~—A~~ Except as provided in section 1904, a plan for the delegation of additional responsibilities under this section must be approved by a majority of the members of each school board. The plan must include, but is not limited to, a description of the delegated responsibilities, apportionment of costs among the member school administrative units and consideration of appropriate time limits on contracts for purchases of school supplies. Funds to support additional responsibilities under this section must be budgeted and approved as part of each school administrative unit's budget.

**Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §1904** is enacted to read:

**§1904. Fiscal authority**

The superintendent of a school union may be designated as the treasurer of the school union and, notwithstanding section 1902, subsection 3, paragraph F, the union committee of a school union may perform the functions of fiscal agent for the school administrative units in the school union if a majority of the voters in each municipality agree to these designations through a referendum or at a town meeting. The article that is placed before the voters in each municipality must state the specific functions to be performed by the fiscal agent, must state that the agreement under which the union committee may perform the functions of fiscal agent may not exceed a period of 3 years and must also include a schedule for regular payment of the warrants approved in each municipality to the union committee. The school union must provide the