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Amend the bill by striking out section 1 and inserting the following:

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

1. Appointment. The state board ~~shall consist~~consists of 9 members who ~~shall be,~~ appointed by the Governor. Four members must reside in the State's First Congressional District at the time of appointment, 4 members must reside in the State's Second Congressional District at the time of appointment and one member may reside in either the First Congressional District or the Second Congressional District at the time of appointment. Each appointment ~~shall be~~ subject to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education and to confirmation by the Legislature.’

Amend the bill in section 2 in subsection 2 in the 2nd and 3rd lines (page 1, lines 19 to 20 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "and of municipalities of varying sizes"

Amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the following:

‘Sec. 3. Transition. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 401, subsection 1, members serving on the State Board of Education on the effective date of this Act continue to serve for the remainder of the terms for which they were appointed. After the expiration of the terms of members serving on the effective date of this Act, the appointment of members to fill vacancies on the State Board of Education must be made consistent with the provisions of Title 20-A, section 401 as amended by this Act.’

SUMMARY

This amendment strikes the requirement in the bill regarding changes to the composition of the State Board of Education related to broad representation of municipalities of varying sizes, but retains the requirement that the composition of the State Board of Education must be broadly representative of the geographic regions of the State. The amendment also clarifies that the residency requirement for members appointed to the State Board of Education is limited to their residency at the time of their appointment. The amendment further provides that the members serving on the State Board of Education at the time of the effective date of this Act continue to serve for the remainder of the terms for which they were appointed and, after the expiration of those terms, that the appointment of State Board of Education members must be made consistent with the provisions of this Act.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)