

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE

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**An Act to Include a Representative of Newspaper and Other Press Interests  
on the Archives Advisory Board and to Require the Member Representing a  
Historical Society to Have Expertise in Archival Records**

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

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

**2. Members.** The Archives Advisory Board consists of 9 10 voting members with expertise in the administrative, fiscal, legal and historical value of records. Voting members of the board must represent the spectrum of records in the State and are appointed by the Secretary of State as follows:

- A. Two public members representing the interests of public access to government records, recommended by a public interest group;
- B. Two members from municipal or county government with expertise in local government records, recommended by local or county government entities;
- C. One member with expertise in archival records representing a state or local historical society, recommended by a state or local historical society;
- D. One member with expertise in the legal requirements of records retention and public records law, recommended by the Attorney General;
- E. One member with expertise in the State's fiscal requirements of records retention, recommended by the Governor;
- F. One member from the executive branch with expertise in executive branch records, recommended by the Governor; ~~and~~
- G. One member from the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology with expertise in electronic records, electronic records management systems and emerging technology related to electronic records, recommended by the Governor; ~~and~~
- H. One member with expertise in journalism representing newspaper and other press interests, recommended by a statewide professional news organization.

The State Archivist serves as a nonvoting member.