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An Act To Add a Member from Castine to the Board of Trustees of the Maine Maritime Academy

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

Sec. 1. P&SL 1941, c. 37, §1, 2nd ¶, as amended by PL 2007, c. 240, Pt. XXX, §1, is further amended to read:

The affairs of the school are controlled by a board of ~~16~~ 17 trustees, as appointed, at least ~~11~~ 12 of whom are residents of the State, who, together with their successors, are appointed by the Governor, subject to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters and to confirmation by the Legislature. One of the 17 trustees must be from a list of candidates selected by the Town of Castine Board of Selectmen. The board of selectmen shall recommend 3 candidates to the Governor. All trustees serve for terms of 5 years and until their successors are duly appointed and qualified. A vacancy on the board must be filled by appointment by the Governor subject to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters and to confirmation by the Legislature for the remainder of the unexpired term, but the majority of the board shall carry on business during the existence of a vacancy on the board. A student trustee, who must be a member of the student body at the time of appointment and a permanent resident of the State, must be appointed. To be eligible for appointment as a student member, a student must be enrolled for a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester. The student member is a full voting member of the board of trustees and serves for a one-year term until a successor is qualified. By January 1st of every year, the president of the academy shall solicit a list of 3 eligible students from the student government of the academy. The Governor shall nominate a student trustee from the list of students within 30 days of receiving the list. The nomination is subject to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters and to confirmation by the Legislature.

SUMMARY

This bill increases the number of trustees on the Board of Trustees of the Maine Maritime Academy from 16 to 17 and the number of trustees who must be Maine residents from 11 to 12. It also requires that the Governor choose one trustee of the 17 from a list of 3 candidates recommended by the Town of Castine Board of Selectmen.