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## **An Act To Amend the Student Membership Criteria of the State Board of Education**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** the State Board of Education has 2 student members on the board; and

**Whereas,** one student must represent the State's First Congressional District and the other student must represent the State's Second Congressional District; and

**Whereas,** with the recent redistricting, there is a possibility that a student may reside in one congressional district and attend school in the other congressional district; and

**Whereas,** it is important that this legislation take effect as soon as possible so that the students will represent the congressional districts that they were appointed to represent; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §401, sub-§1,** as repealed and replaced by PL 2007, c. 695, Pt. A, §21, is amended to read:

**1. Appointment.** The state board consists of 9 members and, beginning in the 2007-2008 school year, 2 nonvoting student members, one junior and one senior in high school. All members are 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. One of the student members must ~~reside~~attend school in the State's First Congressional District at the time of appointment and the other student member must ~~reside~~attend school in the State's Second Congressional District at the time of appointment. Each appointment is subject to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters and to confirmation by the Senate.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

### **SUMMARY**

This bill changes the criteria for the student members of the State Board of Education. Current law requires a student to reside in the congressional district that the student represents at the time of

appointment. This bill requires the student to attend school in the congressional district the student represents at the time of appointment.