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An Act Regarding the Board of Trustees of the Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation

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

Sec. 1. PL 1991, c. 848, §3, 2nd ¶, as amended by PL 1997, c. 599, §1, is further amended to read:

The transfer may occur only if the transferee corporation has a board of trustees that includes the chancellor of the University of Maine System; 3 members representing the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System; the President of Bates College; the President of Bowdoin College; the President of Colby College; and not fewer than 8 nor more than 12 public trustees elected by the board in the manner prescribed in the corporation's bylaws. The president of the transferee corporation is a nonvoting member of the board. By January 1, 1999, 2 additional public trustees must be 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 Senate. By January 1, 1999, the board shall amend the Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation bylaws to reflect the method of appointment of public trustees described in this paragraph. Beginning January 1, 2014, the composition of the board described in this paragraph is no longer required.

Sec. 2. PL 1991, c. 848, §3, as amended by PL 1997, c. 599, §1, is further amended by adding after the 2nd paragraph a new paragraph to read:

By January 1, 2014, the board shall amend the Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation bylaws to establish the number, terms and qualifications of trustees of the corporation and the method and manner of their selection consistent with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 13-B.

Sec. 3. Transition. Members of the board of trustees of the Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation serving on the effective date of this Act serve until the selection of a new board of trustees pursuant to the corporation bylaws as amended in accordance with this Act.

SUMMARY

This bill amends the law establishing the membership of the board of trustees of the Maine Public Broadcasting Corporation and requires the current board of trustees to amend the bylaws of the corporation by January 1, 2014 to establish the number, terms and qualifications of trustees of the corporation and the method and manner of their selection consistent with Maine nonprofit corporation laws. The members of the current board serve until the new board is selected.