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**An Act To Add a Faculty Member and Nonfaculty Staff Member to
the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System**

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Clerk

Presented by Representative MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth.
Cosponsored by Senator BREEN of Cumberland and
Representatives: OSHER of Orono, PEBWORTH of Blue Hill, ROEDER of Bangor, Senators:
DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, RAFFERTY of York, VITELLI of Sagadahoc.

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

2 **Sec. 1. P&SL 1865, c. 532, §4, first ¶**, as amended by PL 1985, c. 779, §89, is
3 further amended to read:

4 **Sec. 4. Board of Trustees.** The Board of Trustees of the University of Maine
5 System ~~shall consist~~ consists of ~~46~~ 18 members.

6 **Sec. 2. P&SL 1865, c. 532, §4, sub-§3-B** is enacted to read:

7 **3-B. Faculty member.** One of the members must be a full-time member of the faculty
8 employed by the University of Maine System. The faculty member is a full voting member
9 of the Board of Trustees and serves for a 5-year term and until a successor is qualified.
10 Sixty days prior to the expiration of the faculty member's term, the Governor shall solicit a
11 list of 3 eligible candidates from the union to which the faculty member belongs. The
12 Governor shall then nominate a faculty member within 30 days of receiving the list of
13 names, and the nomination is subject to review by the joint standing committee of the
14 Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters and confirmation by the Legislature.
15 The faculty member may not come from the same campus in any 2 consecutive terms. The
16 faculty member is granted reasonable leave with pay at the faculty member's regular salary
17 as an employee of the University of Maine System to attend meetings and other board
18 functions that occur between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on business days. Nothing in
19 this section may be considered to alter the compensation of the faculty member for the
20 performance of the member's duties as a University of Maine System employee.

21 **Sec. 3. P&SL 1865, c. 532, §4, sub-§3-C** is enacted to read:

22 **3-C. Nonfaculty staff member.** One of the members must be a full-time nonfaculty
23 staff member employed by the University of Maine System. The staff member is a full
24 voting member of the Board of Trustees and serves for a 5-year term and until a successor
25 is qualified. Sixty days prior to the expiration of the staff member's term, the Governor
26 shall solicit a list of 3 eligible candidates from the union to which the staff member belongs.
27 The Governor shall then nominate a staff member within 30 days of receiving the list of
28 names, and the nomination is subject to review by the joint standing committee of the
29 Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters and confirmation by the Legislature.
30 The staff member may not come from the same campus in any 2 consecutive terms. The
31 staff member is granted reasonable leave with pay at the staff member's regular salary as
32 an employee of the University of Maine System to attend meetings and other board
33 functions that occur between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on business days. Nothing in
34 this section may be considered to alter the compensation of the staff member for the
35 performance of the member's duties as a University of Maine System employee.

36 **SUMMARY**

37 This bill adds 2 members to the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System,
38 a faculty member and a nonfaculty staff member. The members are full voting members,
39 serve 5-year terms and are appointed by the Governor from a list provided by their
40 respective unions. The member for each seat may not come from the same campus in any
41 2 consecutive terms. They receive reasonable leave with pay at their university salaries for
42 board meetings and other board business conducted during working hours, and their
43 compensation as university employees is not otherwise altered.