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**An Act to Include a Representative of Newspaper and Other Press  
Interests on the Archives Advisory Board**

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Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland.  
Cosponsored by Representative POIRIER of Skowhegan and  
Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, NANGLE of Cumberland, Representatives: COPELAND  
of Saco, STOVER of Boothbay.

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

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

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

8 A. Two public members representing the interests of public access to government  
9 records, recommended by a public interest group;

10 B. Two members from municipal or county government with expertise in local  
11 government records, recommended by local or county government entities;

12 C. One member representing a state or local historical society, recommended by a state  
13 or local historical society;

14 D. One member with expertise in the legal requirements of records retention and public  
15 records law, recommended by the Attorney General;

16 E. One member with expertise in the State's fiscal requirements of records retention,  
17 recommended by the Governor;

18 F. One member from the executive branch with expertise in executive branch records,  
19 recommended by the Governor; ~~and~~

20 G. One member from the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office  
21 of Information Technology with expertise in electronic records, electronic records  
22 management systems and emerging technology related to electronic records,  
23 recommended by the Governor; ~~and~~

24 H. One member representing newspaper and other press interests, recommended by a  
25 professional news organization.

26 The State Archivist serves as a nonvoting member.

27 **SUMMARY**

28 This bill adds to the membership of the Archives Advisory Board one member  
29 representing newspaper and other press interests.