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**An Act to Allow Student Representation Within the Governance of
the University of Maine System**

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative OSHER of Orono and
Senators: President JACKSON of Aroostook, LIBBY of Cumberland, PIERCE of Cumberland,
RAFFERTY of York, STEWART of Aroostook, Representatives: DODGE of Belfast,
MILLETT of Cape Elizabeth, MURPHY of Scarborough.

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~~ 25 members.

6 **Sec. 2. P&SL 1865, c. 532, §4, sub-§3**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1987, c.
7 735, §73, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

8 **3. Student members.** Ten of the members must be full-time students of the University
9 of Maine System. The student members, one from each of the student bodies of the
10 University of Maine Graduate School, the University of Maine, the University of Maine at
11 Augusta, the University of Maine at Farmington, the University of Maine at Fort Kent, the
12 University of Maine at Machias, the University of Maine at Presque Isle, the University of
13 Southern Maine Graduate School, the University of Southern Maine and the University of
14 Maine School of Law, must be elected by their student bodies or selected by their student
15 governments. The student members are full voting members of the board of trustees and
16 shall serve for 2-year terms and until successors are qualified.

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill replaces the current student member of the Board of Trustees of the University
19 of Maine System with 10 student representatives to the board, as elected by their student
20 bodies or selected by their student governments, who serve as full voting members of the
21 board, with all the rights of other appointed members but with 2-year terms.