

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE

H.P. 329 - L.D. 453

**An Act To Establish a Permanent Appointment of a Member of the
Wabanaki Tribes to the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System**

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

Sec. 1. P&SL 1865, c. 532, §4, sub-§2, as amended by PL 1983, c. 799, §4, is further amended to read:

2. Members appointed by the Governor. Fourteen members ~~shall~~ must be appointed for 5-year terms by the Governor, subject to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters and confirmation by the Legislature. Each term ~~shall expire~~ expires on May 26th of the appropriate year, except that the retiring member ~~shall serve~~ serves until a successor is appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Legislature. ~~No~~ A person accepting ~~such an~~ an appointment under this subsection may not be a member of the State Board of Education. In making appointments, the Governor shall strive to achieve a membership ~~which that~~ is representative of the population of this State. In so far as feasible when selecting qualified nominees to the board, the Governor shall consider affirmative action criteria, professional education and experience and an equitable geographical representation among the members. At least one member appointed by the Governor must be a member of a federally recognized Indian nation, tribe or band in the State. The appointment of the member of a federally recognized Indian nation, tribe or band in the State must be based on the joint recommendation of the tribal governments of the Aroostook Band of Micmacs, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, the Passamaquoddy Tribe at Motahkomikuk, the Passamaquoddy Tribe at Sipayik and the Penobscot Nation. If the tribal governments do not make a unanimous joint recommendation, the Governor shall appoint a member of a federally recognized Indian nation, tribe or band in the State and rotate the appointment among members of each federally recognized Indian nation, tribe or band in the State. Trustees may serve a maximum of 2 terms, except that an individual appointed to fill an unexpired term of 3 years or less is eligible for appointment to 2 full terms. Vacancies ~~shall~~ must be filled by the Governor, subject to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters and confirmation by the Legislature, for the unexpired balance of the term. In order to restore and maintain rotation of terms of office of trustees, an incumbent trustee who was appointed for a term of 5 years at a time subsequent to the

expiration of the term of ~~his~~ that trustee's predecessor in office ~~shall be~~ is deemed to have commenced ~~his~~ that trustee's 5-year term upon the date of the expiration of the term of office of ~~his~~ that trustee's predecessor rather than from the date of ~~his~~ that trustee's appointment and qualification. Trustees ~~shall~~ serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for travel and other expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties.