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In Senate, April 2, 2015

An Act To Improve Representation on the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System

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

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator SAVIELLO of Franklin.

1	Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:
2	Sec. 1. P&SL 1865, c. 532, §4, sub-§§3-B and 3-C are enacted to read:
3	3-B. Faculty member. One of the members must be a full-time faculty member at
4	one of the campuses of the University of Maine System at the time of appointment and
5	must be a permanent resident of the State. The faculty member must be a full voting
6	member of the Board of Trustees and serves for a 2-year term and until a successor is
7	qualified. The Governor shall nominate the faculty member from a list of 3 eligible
8	faculty members submitted by the University of Maine System full-time faculty union.
9	The nomination must be made within 30 days of receiving the list of names and is subject
10	to review by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over
11	education matters and confirmation by the Senate. The faculty member may not come
12	from the same campus in any 2 consecutive terms.
13	3-C. Member with agricultural background. The Governor shall make every
14	effort to appoint to the Board of Trustees, subject to review by the joint standing
15	committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters and confirmation
16	by the Senate, one member who has a strong background in agriculture.
17	SUMMARY
18	This bill requires that one member of the Board of Trustees of the University of
19	Maine System be a full-time faculty member of the university system and directs the
20	Governor to make every effort to appoint one member with a strong agricultural
21	background.