

**RECOMMENDED LEGISLATION TO CHANGE MEMBERSHIP OF THE
ARCHIVES ADVISORY BOARD**

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §96, sub-§2 is amended to read:

§96. Archives Advisory Board

1. Established. The Archives Advisory Board, established by section 12004-I, subsection 8, shall serve to advise the State Archivist in administration of this chapter and to perform such other duties as may be prescribed by law.

2. Members. The Archives Advisory Board consists of ~~9~~ 12 voting members with expertise in the administrative, fiscal, legal and historical value of records. Voting members of the board must represent the spectrum of records in the State and are appointed by the Secretary of State as follows:

- A. Two public members representing the interests of public access to government records, recommended by a public interest group;
- B. Two members from municipal or county government with expertise in local government records, recommended by local or county government entities;
- C. One member representing a state or local historical society, recommended by a state or local historical society;
- D. One member with expertise in the legal requirements of records retention and public records law, recommended by the Attorney General;
- E. One member with expertise in the State's fiscal requirements of records retention, recommended by the Governor;
- F. One member from the executive branch with expertise in executive branch records, recommended by the Governor; ~~and~~
- G. One member from the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology with expertise in electronic records, electronic records management systems and emerging technology related to electronic records, recommended by the Governor;
- H. Two members representing journalists, newspapers, broadcasters and other news media interests; and
- I. One member representing the protection of personal privacy interests.

The State Archivist serves as a nonvoting member.

3. Terms; chair; compensation. The voting members under subsection 2 serve a 3-year term and continue serving until either reappointed or replaced. In case of the termination of a member's service during that member's term, the Secretary of State shall appoint a successor for the unexpired term. The voting members shall elect a chair. Voting members must be compensated as provided in chapter 379.

SUMMARY

This bill adds three additional members to the Archives Advisory Board to ensure that journalists, newspapers, broadcasters and other news media as well as personal privacy protection advocates are part of the expertise involved in the development of records retention schedules.