**An Act Regarding the Terms of Trustees of the Phippsburg Cemetery District**

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

**Sec.** **1. P&SL 1963, c. 126, §3, first ¶** is amended to read:

**Sec. 3. Officers; audit.** All of the affairs of said district ~~shall~~ must be managed by a board of trustees composed of 5 members. ~~As soon as may be after the acceptance of this~~ ~~act as hereinafter provided, the selectmen of the Town of Phippsburg shall appoint 5~~ ~~trustees of said district to hold office as follows: One until the first annual meeting of the~~ ~~Town of Phippsburg after said appointment, one until the 2nd annual meeting of the Town~~ ~~of Phippsburg after said appointment, one until the 3rd annual meeting of the Town of~~ ~~Phippsburg after said appointment, one until the 4th annual meeting of the Town of~~ ~~Phippsburg after said appointment, and one until the 5th annual meeting of the Town of~~ ~~Phippsburg after said appointment.~~ At each annual town meeting of the Town of Phippsburg~~, beginning with the first annual meeting after the appointment of trustees by~~ ~~the selectmen~~, one trustee ~~shall~~ must be elected to serve until the annual meeting occurring 5 years thereafter and until another trustee is elected and qualified in ~~his~~ that trustee's stead except that beginning in 2024 one trustee must be elected to serve until the annual meeting occurring 3 years thereafter and until another trustee is elected and qualified in that trustee's stead and, in those years in which the term of more than one trustee is expiring, those trustees must be replaced in the same manner for 3-year terms. Whenever a vacancy ~~shall,~~ ~~for any reason, occur~~ in the board of trustees occurs for any reason, the same ~~shall~~ must be filled for the balance of the unexpired term by a trustee to be appointed by the municipal officers of the Town of Phippsburg. A majority of said trustees chosen ~~shall have~~ has full power to act notwithstanding any vacancy in said board of trustees however caused. When a trustee ceases to be a resident of the district, ~~his~~ that trustee's office becomes vacant. The trustees, as soon as convenient after they have been chosen as provided in this ~~act~~ Act, shall meet upon call of one of their number after such reasonable notice as ~~he shall deem~~ the member who called the meeting considers proper. They shall then elect from their membership a president, clerk and treasurer; adopt a corporate seal; and do all other acts, matters and things necessary to perfect their organization. Thus organized, the trustees ~~shall~~ have the right and authority to employ such officers and agents as they ~~may deem~~ consider necessary for the proper conduct and management of the affairs of the district, and may establish or adopt a code of bylaws, not inconsistent with law, and all necessary rules and regulations for the proper conduct of the affairs of said district.

**Sec.** **2. Transition.** Notwithstanding Private and Special Law 1963, chapter 126, section 3, those trustees of the Phippsburg Cemetery District serving 5‑year terms on the effective date of this Act shall continue to serve the remainder of their terms.

**SUMMARY**

This bill reduces the term of the trustees of the Phippsburg Cemetery District from 5 years to 3 years.