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### **An Act To Change the Composition of the Board of Dental Examiners**

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Reference to the Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative SHAW of Standish.  
Cosponsored by Senator DUTREMBLE of York and  
Representatives: BOLAND of Sanford, CHIPMAN of Portland, COTTA of China, GILBERT  
of Jay, Senator: HASKELL of Cumberland.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §1071, first ¶**, as amended by PL 2003, c. 669, §1, is further  
3 amended to read:

4 The Board of Dental Examiners, established by Title 5, section 12004-A, subsection  
5 10, and in this chapter called the "board," consists of 9 members, appointed by the  
6 Governor as follows: ~~five~~ 2 members of the dental profession, 2 dental hygienists, ~~one~~  
7 ~~denturist~~ 2 denturists and ~~one representative~~ 3 representatives of the public.

8 **Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §1071, sub-§3-A**, as enacted by PL 2001, c. 260, Pt. B, §2, is  
9 amended to read:

10 **3-A. Denturists.** The ~~denturist~~ denturists must be qualified pursuant to subchapter  
11 ~~VI~~ 6, must be a legal ~~resident~~ residents of the State and for appointments made after  
12 January 1, 2006, the ~~denturist~~ denturists must have practiced in the State for at least 6  
13 years immediately preceding appointment. The denturist ~~member~~ members of the board  
14 ~~is a~~ are full-voting ~~member~~ members of the board. The term ~~of the~~ for a member who is a  
15 denturist is 5 years. A denturist is not eligible to serve as a member of the board while  
16 employed by a dentist who is a member of the board.

17 **Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §1071, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 600, Pt. A, §56, is  
18 further amended to read:

19 **4. Public members.** The public ~~member is~~ members are appointed to a 5-year ~~term~~  
20 terms.

21 **Sec. 4. 32 MRSA §1078, sub-§1, ¶¶A and C**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 669,  
22 §3, are amended to read:

23 A. ~~The~~ A denturist who is a member of the board;

24 C. ~~Two~~ The 2 dentists who are members of the board, ~~appointed by the president of~~  
25 ~~the board.~~

26 **Sec. 5. 32 MRSA §1079, sub-§1, ¶C**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 669, §3, is  
27 amended to read:

28 C. ~~Two~~ The 2 dentists who are members of the board, ~~appointed by the president of~~  
29 ~~the board.~~

30 **Sec. 6. Transition provision.** Members of the Board of Dental Examiners  
31 created under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 32, section 1071 serving on the effective  
32 date of this Act may continue to serve on the board for the remainder of their terms.  
33 When the term of a member expires, that member's successor is appointed in accordance  
34 with this Act.

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## **SUMMARY**

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This bill changes the composition of the Board of Dental Examiners, which in current law consists of 5 members of the dental profession, 2 dental hygienists, one dentist and one representative of the public. This bill changes the membership to 2 members of the dental profession, 2 dental hygienists, 2 denturists and 3 representatives of the public.

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