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An Act To Require the Convening of the Professional Standards Board

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, this legislation requires the Professional Standards Board to meet before the 90-day period has expired; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. PL 2005, c. 457, Pt. GG, §2 is amended to read:

Sec. GG-2. Staggered terms. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 13101, subsection 3, of the 22 initial appointments made in accordance with Title 20-A, section 13101, subsection 2, 7 of the appointees must be appointed for one-year terms, 7 of the appointees must be appointed for 2-year terms and 8 appointees must be appointed for 3-year terms. All appointments must be made by July 1, 2009.

Sec. 2. PL 2005, c. 457, Pt. GG, §3 is enacted to read:

Sec. GG-3. Convening date. The Professional Standards Board established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 13101, subsection 1 shall convene no later than September 1, 2009.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.

SUMMARY

The Professional Standards Board was established in 2005. The board has not met and the need for an advisory board for the State Board of Education has grown. This bill establishes a date for the board to be appointed by and a date for the board to convene.