

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Sixty-Second Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 36.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND  
EIGHTY-FIVE.

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AN ACT to amend an act to incorporate the Bath  
Military and Naval Orphan Asylum, approved  
February twenty-three, eighteen hundred and  
sixty-six.

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives  
in Legislature assembled, as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section one is amended as follows,  
2 by striking out all after the word "the" in the  
3 eighth line and the word "and" in the eleventh  
4 line, and inserting the words following, viz: 'Mili-  
5 tary or naval service of the United States gov-  
6 ernment, on the quota of Maine, during the war  
7 for the suppression of the rebellion, and have died  
8 subsequently, or who from age, poverty or disease  
9 are unable to rear, maintain and educate any of

10 such children,' so that the section as amended shall  
11 read: 'John Patten, George F. Patten, Charles  
12 Davenport, Oliver Moses and J. P. Morse, their  
13 associates, successors and assigns, are hereby con-  
14 stituted a body politic and corporate by the name  
15 of the Trustees of the Bath Military and Naval  
16 Orphan Asylum, for the purposes of rearing and  
17 educating, gratuitously, in the common branches  
18 of learning and ordinary industrial pursuits, the  
19 orphans and half orphans of officers, soldiers, sea-  
20 men and marines who have entered the military or  
21 naval service of the United States government, on  
22 the quota of Maine, during the war for the suppress-  
23 ion of the rebellion, and have died subsequently, or  
24 who from age, poverty or disease are unable to rear,  
25 maintain and educate any of such children, and shall  
26 have all the powers and be subject to all the duties  
27 and liabilities of like corporations in this state.

SECT. 2. Section five is hereby amended by add-  
2 ing the following: 'The president, clerk and treas-  
3 urer shall act as a board of guardians of all  
4 the children who are members of said asylum, and  
5 shall have all the powers and authority granted by  
6 law to guardians, and shall be authorized to bind  
7 out, indenture, or give away for adoption, any  
8 of the children under their custody, when in

9 their opinion and judgment it is deemed for the  
10 advantage and benefit of said children, so that said  
11 section as amended shall read as follows: 'The trus-  
12 tees shall annually elect one of their number to be  
13 president of the board. They shall appoint a clerk  
14 and treasurer, both of whom shall be sworn, and  
15 shall hold their offices at the pleasure of the trus-  
16 tees. The clerk shall record all proceedings of the  
17 board, and copies of their records certified by him  
18 shall be evidence in all cases in which the originals  
19 might be used. The treasurer shall be required to  
20 give suitable bond, and to renew the same when-  
21 ever the trustees shall require. The president,  
22 clerk and treasurer shall act as a board of guar-  
23 dians of all the children who are members of said  
24 asylum, and shall have all the powers and authority  
25 granted by law to guardians, and shall be author-  
26 ized to bind out, indenture, or give away, for  
27 adoption, any of the children under their custody,  
28 when in their opinion and judgment it is deemed  
29 for the advantage and benefit of said children.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
January 28, 1885. }

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printed under joint rule,

NICHOLAS FESSENDEN, *Clerk.*