

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

NO. 212

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In Senate, March 14, 1919.

Referred to Committee on Education and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

P. F. CRANE, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Walker of Somerset.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND  
NINE HUNDRED AND NINETEEN

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AN ACT to Establish the State University of Maine and to  
Provide for Its Maintenance.

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

Section 1. In order to advance the cause of public education within the state, the University of Maine at Orono is hereby designated as the State University of Maine. The ownership of all lands, buildings and equipment of all kinds now under the control of the board of trustees and all titles thereto shall be vested in the state.

Sect. 2. The general government of the University of Maine shall under the direction of the legislature be vested in a board of nine members to be styled the board of trus-

4 tees of the State University of Maine. The state super-  
5 intendent of public schools shall be an ex-officio member  
6 of the board and eight additional members shall be ap-  
7 pointed, two each year for a term of four years, not more  
8 than two from each congressional district. They shall be  
9 appointed by the Governor and approved by the Council.  
10 One member shall be appointed from a list of three nom-  
11 inated by the alumni of the University. Such members  
12 shall serve for a term of four years or until their successors  
13 are appointed and qualified. The terms of service shall  
14 begin on the first day of July. All members now serving  
15 shall continue in office until their several terms are ex-  
16 pired.

Sect. 3. All persons qualified to serve as trustees must  
2 be persons of educational attainment, shall not hold other  
3 public office and may not serve as officers or as commit-  
4 teemen of political parties. They shall be chosen from  
5 the electors of the state and as new members are appointed  
6 from time to time not more than six shall belong to the  
7 same political party. Nothing in this act shall be construed  
8 to disable any member of the board as at present constituted  
9 from reappointment at the close of his present term of of-  
10 fice.

Sect. 4. The duties and powers of the trustees shall be  
2 prescribed by the legislature and they shall receive no com-  
3 pensation other than their actual expenses and a per diem  
4 of ten dollars per day for the time actually employed in

5 their official duties. All expenses and per diem charges  
6 shall be paid from funds provided for the support of the  
7 university on warrants duly executed by the auditor of  
8 the state.

Sect. 5. The board of trustees shall hold at least two  
2 regular meetings each year, one in June and one in Jan-  
3 uary. Additional meetings shall occur at the call of the  
4 president of the board.

Sect. 6. At the June meeting the board shall organize  
2 by electing a president and vice president from among their  
3 own number who shall serve for one year unless vacancy  
4 should sooner occur. The state treasurer shall be treasurer  
5 of the State University of Maine by virtue of his office. A  
6 special secretary and accountant shall be chosen outside  
7 of the board of trustees whose duty it shall be to keep a  
8 detailed account of all acts of the board and of the first  
9 day of November of the year next preceding the conven-  
10 ing of the legislature shall transmit to the Governor a de-  
11 tailed account of all receipts and disbursements for each  
12 of the two preceding years.

Sect. 7. All funds for the support of the university shall  
2 be deposited in the treasury of the state and shall be paid  
3 out as the board of trustees may direct on manifests duly  
4 itemized and executed by the accountant and countersigned  
5 by the president of the University.

Sect. 8. The board of trustees shall elect a president for  
2 a term of from one to five years or for indeterminate ten-

3 ure as the trustees may determine and fix his compensa-  
4 tion. If placed upon indeterminate tenure he shall be  
5 removable only for cause and after an impartial hearing  
6 before the board. The president of the university shall  
7 be the chief executive officer and shall be responsible to  
8 the board for the control and management thereof. All  
9 members of the faculty and all other subordinates shall  
10 be under his direction subject to such regulations as the  
11 board may establish. The president shall be responsible  
12 for the supervision and government of the university and  
13 shall exercise a watchful care over the morals, conduct and  
14 general welfare of the students.

Sect. 9. The members of the university faculty and other  
2 employees as may be needed shall be selected by the trus-  
3 tees upon the recommendation of the president of the Uni-  
4 versity. The trustees shall also designate their salaries  
5 and their term of service, which may be a term of years  
6 or an indeterminate tenure as the trustees may determine.

Sect. 10. The trustees are hereby authorized to estab-  
2 lish and maintain such departments, colleges and stations  
3 as they may deem advantageous to the state and all such  
4 adjuncts of the university as now exist are hereby placed  
5 in the hands of the trustees under such regulations as may  
6 be provided by law.

Sect. 11. The board of trustees are authorized to estab-  
2 lish such rules and regulations concerning admission of  
3 students, student fees, graduation and dormitory arrange-

4 ments as they may deem advantageous, but persons of good  
5 moral character who have completed a four years' course  
6 of study in a class A high school who have mastered a  
7 standard preparatory course of study or an equivalent shall  
8 be admitted.

Sect. 12. In order that the University of Maine shall be  
2 maintained in the proper degree of efficiency and that prop-  
3 er extension may be provided there is hereby annually ap-  
4 propriated four-tenths of a mill levied upon the total valua-  
5 tion of the state. The same shall be placed in the state  
6 treasury as collected to the credit of the university and shall  
7 be drawn therefrom in the manner provided by the auditor  
8 of the state.