

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Kitchen of Presque Isle.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINE

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AN ACT to Consolidate the General Superintendence, Management and Control of the State Prison, the Reformatory for Men and Reformatory for Women Under One Board of Trustees, and to Provide for the Temporary Transfer of Inmates.

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

Section 1. Such portions of chapter one hundred forty-  
2 two of the revised statutes of Maine and acts amendatory  
3 thereof and additional thereto and of chapter one hundred  
4 thirty-seven of said statutes and acts amendatory thereof  
5 and additional thereto as vest the general direction and con-

6 trol of the state prison or other duties in a board of three  
7 prison commissioners; such portions of chapter one hun-  
8 dred eighty-two of the public laws of nineteen hundred  
9 nineteen and acts amendatory thereof and additional thereto  
10 as vest the general superintendence, management and con-  
11 trol of the reformatory for men in a board of five trustees;  
12 and such portions of chapter one hundred forty-two of the  
13 revised statutes of Maine and acts amendatory thereof and  
14 additional thereto as vest the general superintendence, man-  
15 agement and control of the reformatory for women in a  
16 board of five trustees are hereby repealed and instead  
17 thereof the same powers of general superintendence, man-  
18 agement and control of said several institutions is hereby  
19 vested in one board of seven trustees of state penal and cor-  
20 rectional institutions.

Sect. 2. Upon the passage of this act the governor, with  
2 the advice and consent of the council, shall appoint seven  
3 persons, all of whom shall be inhabitants of the state, to be  
4 trustees of state penal and correctional institutions who  
5 shall have general superintendence, management and con-  
6 trol of the state prison and reformatory for men and re-  
7 formatory for women. The term of office of said trustees  
8 shall be four years, subject to a removal by the governor  
9 and council for cause shown, except that the first appoint-  
10 ments shall be made so that the term of one of them shall  
11 expire on the first Tuesday of July, nineteen hundred  
12 thirty, two of them on the first Tuesday of July, nineteen

13 hundred thirty-one, two of them on the first Tuesday of  
14 July, nineteen hundred thirty-two, two of them on the first  
15 Tuesday of July, nineteen hundred thirty-three. Any per-  
16 son appointed to fill a vacancy in the board of trustees shall  
17 hold office for the remainder of the term of the person  
18 whom he succeeds.

Sect. 3. Wherever in such several acts the word “com-  
2 missioner” or “commissioners” or the word “trustee” or  
3 “trustees” are used, such several sections are hereby amend-  
4 ed by substituting in place thereof the words ‘trustee’ or  
5 ‘trustees of state penal and correctional institutions’ and the  
6 several duties, obligations, and privileges conferred and im-  
7 posed on said several boards of commissioners and trustees  
8 are hereby conferred and imposed upon the board of  
9 trustees of state penal and correctional institutions hereby  
10 created.

Sect. 4. Whenever the trustees deem it advisable they  
2 may, with the approval of the judge who imposed sentence,  
3 if he be living, or if not then with the approval of the chief  
4 justice, and with the approval of the governor and council,  
5 transfer temporarily an inmate of the prison to either of the  
6 reformatories.

Sect. 5. A committee of the council consisting of one  
2 with whom shall be associated two women, shall be appoint-  
3 ed by the governor biennially, who shall visit the state prison  
4 and the reformatories at their discretion, to ascertain the  
5 condition of the inmates and the efficiency of the manage-

6 ment of the said institutions, and they shall report to the  
7 superintendents of said institutions and to the board of  
8 trustees of state penal and correctional institutions.