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CHAPTER 317

EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION

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§ 2601. Committee; expenses

A Committee on Educational Television, as heretofore created for the purpose of facilitating the development of educational television in the State, shall consist of 7 members to be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Council. At the time of the first appointments, one shall be appointed for one year, one for 2 years, one for 3 years, 2 for 4 years and 2 for 5 years, and thereafter for a full term of 5 years. One member of the committee shall be a representative of the State Department of Education, one member of the committee shall be a representative of the University of Maine and the remaining members shall be citizens of the State of Maine. Any vacancy in the membership of the committee shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Council. Members of the committee shall be reimbursed for their actual expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties.

1963, c. 414, § 13.

§ 2602. —Organization; quorum

The committee shall elect a chairman, secretary, vice-chairman and treasurer, each of whose terms of office shall be 2 years. The committee shall adopt such bylaws, rules and regulations for the calling and holding of meetings and the administration of its affairs, as it deems appropriate and necessary to effectuate the purposes of this chapter. A majority of the membership of the committee shall constitute a quorum for the purposes of transacting business.

1963, c. 414, § 13.

§ 2603. —Powers and duties

The Committee on Educational Television is empowered and authorized to act as follows:

1. Recommendations. To make such recommendations to the trustees of the University of Maine as it deems necessary relating to the appointment of professional, clerical or other assistants, location of educational television stations and construction and equipment of said stations necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter;

2. Programs. To give its advice and consent to the trustees of the University of Maine for the educational television programs to be transmitted by the network.

1963, c. 414, § 13.

§ 2604. Gifts

The Governor and Council are authorized to accept any gift of money, real or personal property, from any source whatsoever, and grants-in-aid from the Federal Government to assist in carrying out the purposes of this chapter.

1963, c. 414, § 13.

§ 2605. Construction of state-wide network

The University of Maine is authorized to acquire real estate, construct, operate, manage and equip transmission and microwave television facilities and to interconnect with any other television network or station within or without this State for the purpose of providing a state-wide educational television network for the transmission of educational television to pupils in the schools, colleges, university and adult audiences throughout the State; and the University of Maine is authorized to enter into contracts for the construction of said facilities, contracts for personal services necessary for the management and operation of said facilities and any other contracts deemed necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

1963, c. 414, § 13.

§ 2606. Political and governmental activities prohibited; penalty

None of the facilities, plant or personnel of any educational television system which is supported in whole or in part by state

funds shall be used directly or indirectly for the promotion, advertisement or advancement of any political candidate for any municipal, county, state or federal office or for the purpose of advocating or opposing any specific program, existing or proposed, of governmental action which shall include, but shall not be limited to, constitutional amendments, tax referendums or bond issues. Any person convicted of a violation of any provision of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$5,000 or by imprisonment for not more than 11 months, or by both.

1963, c. 414, § 13.