

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE

# STATE OF MAINE,

DURING ITS SESSION

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE.

No. 51.

SENATE.

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STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT  
HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SIX.

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AN ACT to establish a Seminary for the purpose  
of promoting useful learning, and the better qual-  
ifying Primary School Teachers.

[NEW DRAFT.]

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SECT. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and  
2 House of Representatives, in Legislature as-  
3 sembled,* That there be and hereby is estab-  
4 lished in this State a Seminary to be locat-  
5 ed in such place as the Governor and Council  
6 shall direct, the object of which shall be to pro-  
7 mote useful learning in the elementary depart-  
8 ments of education, especially for the purpose  
9 of qualifying persons for the employment of gov-  
10 erning and teaching primary schools in this  
11 State, which shall be called and known by the

12 name of the Maine Teachers' Seminary, and  
13 for the governing and direction of said Institution  
14 there is hereby established a Board of Trustees  
15 the number of which shall be equal to the num-  
16 ber of Senators, to be apportioned to the sever-  
17 al counties in the State according to Senatorial  
18 representation, who shall be elected annually at  
19 the same time, and in the same manner as Sen-  
20 ators now are or may be hereafter elected.

SECT. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That the  
2 said Trustees are hereby created a body politic  
3 by the name of the Trustees of the Maine  
4 Teachers' Seminary, and have right to hold by  
5 gift, grant or devise, any real or personal estate,  
6 which shall be for the sole purpose of effecting  
7 the objects of this Institution; and to sell, let,  
8 or otherwise dispose of any property belonging  
9 to the said Seminary as they may deem most  
10 for the interest of the same. They shall elect a  
11 Treasurer who shall have the management of  
12 the fiscal concerns of the Seminary, who shall  
13 give such bonds and be subject to such by-laws  
14 as they may establish; and he shall make an  
15 annual report to the Secretary of State by the

16 second' Wednesday of January of the state of  
17 its financial concerns. They shall also appoint  
18 such instructors, with such compensation as they  
19 may think fit, who shall at all times be subject  
20 to be removed by the Trustees.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That the  
2 Executive Government of this Seminary be and  
3 hereby is authorized to grant such written cer-  
4 tificates to all persons, whom they shall on ex-  
5 amination deem qualified according to the rules  
6 by them established, to be instructors of schools  
7 within this State; and any person proposing  
8 himself for examination shall be entitled to the  
9 same, although he may not have been a student  
10 of said Seminary.

SECT. 4. *Be it further enacted,* That any  
2 person who shall resort to this Seminary for the  
3 purpose of qualifying himself to instruct Prima-  
4 ry Schools in this State, shall receive his tuition  
5 gratuitously; *Provided,* That at the time of his  
6 entering said Seminary for the purpose afore-  
7 said he shall give a bond with good and sufficient  
8 sureties to double the amount of his tuition  
9 (which shall be determined by the Trustees)  
10 that he will instruct primary schools in this

11 State for the term of twelve months, at least,  
12 or pay the whole amount of his tuition.

SECT. 5. *Be it further enacted,* That the  
2 time and place of the first meeting shall be de-  
3 signated and fixed by the Governor and Council,  
4 after which they shall be vested with power to  
5 notify and call their own meetings; and a meet-  
6 ing may be called at any time on application of  
7 any three members, and seven of the number  
8 shall constitute a quorum, They shall annually  
9 elect their officers by ballot.

SECT. 6. *Be it further enacted,* That the  
2 said Seminary shall at all times be under the  
3 control of the Legislature.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, March 9, 1886.

This Bill was read once (as reported in this New Draft) and ordered that 300 copies of the same be printed for the use of the Legislature.

[Extract from the Journal.]

Attest: WILLIAM TRAFTON, Secretary.