

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

DURING ITS SESSION

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THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

NO. 7.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to reorganize the Board of Agriculture.

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

SECTION 1. A State Board of Agriculture is hereby
2 established, to consist of one member from each of
3 the incorporated Agricultural and Horticultural
4 Societies, in the State, said members shall hold their
5 offices for one year, except as hereinafter provided.
6 And said Societies shall elect said members by ballot,
7 at the annual meetings or fairs of such Societies, or
8 at any regular meetings thereof called for such pur-
9 pose, and they shall receive a certificate of their elec-

10 tion, signed by the President and Secretary of such
11 Societies.

SECT. 2. At the first meeting of this Board elected
2 as aforesaid, and which is hereby designated to be
3 held at the State House in Augusta, on the third
4 Wednesday of January next, the members from the
5 Societies aforesaid, shall be divided into two equal
6 classes as near as may be, and the term of office of
7 the first class shall expire on the third Wednesday
8 of January, A. D. eighteen hundred and fifty-seven ;
9 the second class on the third Wednesday of January,
10 A. D. eighteen hundred and fifty-eight. The expira-
11 tion of each class shall be determined by lot by the
12 whole Board, and the vacancies thus created, shall
13 be filled by the respective Agricultural Societies in
14 which such vacancies may occur.

SECT. 3. At the first meeting of the Board of Ag-
2 riculture, and at each annual meeting on the third
3 Wednesday of January, thereafter, the Board shall be
4 organized by the choice of President and such officers
5 as they may deem necessary.

SECT. 4. It shall be the duty of this Board to
2 investigate all such subjects relating to improvement

3 in Agriculture and Horticulture in this State, as they
4 think proper ; and they are hereby empowered to
5 take, hold in trust, and exercise control over any
6 donations or bequests that may be made to them for
7 promoting Agricultural education or the general
8 interests of husbandry. The Board shall also be
9 authorized to procure and cause to be printed at the
10 expense of the State, from time to time, such tracts on
11 Agriculture and Horticulture for free distribution
12 among the farmers of the State, as may be deemed of
13 value, provided the sum expended for such purpose,
14 shall not exceed ——— dollars in any one year.

SECT. 5. The Board of Agriculture shall meet at
2 the State House, in Augusta, once a year, and they
3 are hereby empowered to annually elect, a suitable
4 person, to act as Secretary of the Board, and to pre-
5 scribe and determine his duties ; and in case of
6 vacancy by death or otherwise, the Governor with
7 advice of his Council, be and is hereby empowered to
8 fill the vacancy. And all reports and returns now
9 required by law to be made by said Societies, shall be
10 made and returned to the Secretary of this Board.
11 The Governor and Council shall determine his com-

12 pension, which compensation shall not exceed six
13 hundred dollars per annum and such necessary travel-
14 ing expenses as may accrue in the discharge of his
15 duties; and the compensation of members of the
16 Board of Agriculture shall be the same as that of
17 the members of the Legislature. And the said Board
18 shall, annually, on or before the second Wednesday
19 of February, by their Chairman or Secretary, submit
20 to the Legislature, a detailed account of their doings,
21 with such recommendations and suggestions as in
22 their view the interests of Agriculture may require.

SECT. 6. All laws inconsistent with this act are
2 hereby repealed.

SECT. 7. The provisions of this act shall not take
2 effect, until the organization of the next Board of
3 Agriculture.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, }
February 2, 1855. }

This Bill, reported from the Committee on Agriculture, was laid on the table, and 350 copies thereof ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

J. W. KNOWLTON, *Secretary Protem.*