

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE

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DURING ITS SESSION

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# THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE.

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SENATE.

NO. 12.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to incorporate the Trustees of the Maine State  
Seminary.

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-  
tives in Legislature assembled, as follows :*

SECTION 1. Oren B. Cheney, Ebenezer Knowlton,  
2 Joseph Berry, Charles O. Libby, Leonard Hathaway,  
3 Theodore Stevens, junior, Francis Lyford, Ephraim  
4 H. Hart, Benjamin D. Peck, Stephen Williamson,  
5 Philip Weaver, Joseph Edgecomb, J. S. Burgess,  
6 Jason Mariner, Charles H. Smith, Nahum Brooks,  
7 Joseph D. Prescott, Tisdale D. Clements, George W.  
8 Bean, Alexander H. Morrill, William R. Frye, Joseph  
9 Symonds, Joshua Haskell, Abel Chadwick, William  
10 H. Littlefield, Ezekiel G. Page, Nathan J. Robinson,  
11 and Samuel Swanton, their associates and successors,  
12 are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate, by  
13 the name of the Trustees of the Maine State Semi-

14 nary, and by that name shall have power to prosecute  
15 and defend suits at law, to have and use a common  
16 seal, and to change the same at pleasure; and to take  
17 and hold, for the objects of their association, by gift,  
18 grant, bequest, or otherwise, any estate real or person-  
19 al, the annual income of which shall not exceed five  
20 thousand dollars.

SECT. 2. All property and estate, real and personal,  
2 which may at any time, by donation or otherwise,  
3 come into possession of said Board of Trustees in their  
4 corporate capacity, shall be faithfully applied to the  
5 promotion of the cause of Education, and in estab-  
6 lishing and maintaining a Literary Institution, in  
7 some town or city in this State; and the Trustees of  
8 said Maine State Seminary, by a majority vote of the  
9 whole board, are hereby vested with the power to locate  
10 said Seminary in any town or city in this State:—  
11 *Provided, however,* it shall not be located in any town  
12 or city where there is an Institution similar in kind,  
13 and equal in grade—and *provided, also,* that said  
14 location shall be approved by the Governor and  
15 Council.

SECT. 3. The Trustees aforesaid, may adopt such

2 rules, regulations, courses of study and by-laws, not  
3 repugnant to the Constitution and laws of this State,  
4 as they may deem expedient, for the management of  
5 their affairs and the prosperity of said Seminary; may  
6 fill by ballot all vacancies occurring in their body;  
7 may choose by ballot all officers and teachers neces-  
8 sary for the usefulness and advantage of said Seminary;  
9 and they shall be, and they are hereby, invested with  
10 all the powers and privileges incident to similar  
11 corporations.

SECT. 4. The number of said Trustees shall not at  
2 any time be less than fifteen, nor more than thirty-  
3 five; and the Board of Trustees shall be divided into  
4 five classes: the first seven Trustees mentioned in this  
5 act of incorporation, shall constitute the first class;  
6 and the second seven in said list shall constitute the  
7 second class, and this order shall continue through  
8 said list; and the term of office of the first class shall  
9 expire on the day of the annual meeting of said  
10 Trustees, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-seven;  
11 and at each succeeding annual meeting, the term of  
12 office of the class next in order shall expire; and all  
13 vacancies shall be filled by the Board, and all persons

14 so elected shall continue in office for the term of five  
15 years; the by-laws shall provide what notice shall be  
16 given of the time and place of meeting of the Trustees  
17 for business; and it shall not be necessary for more  
18 than seven of the Trustees to be present to constitute  
19 a quorum to do business.

SECT. 5. The Legislature shall have the right to  
2 alter or amend this act, at any time after the accept-  
3 ance of the same.

SECT. 6. Oren B. Cheney, Ebenezer Knowlton and  
2 Francis Lyford, or any two of them, are hereby author-  
3 ized to call the first meeting of this corporation, by  
4 giving notice of the time and place of said meeting, in  
5 the Kennebec Journal, and The Age, papers printed  
6 in Augusta, and in the Morning Star, a paper printed  
7 in Dover, N. H., seven days, at least, before the time  
8 appointed for said meeting.

SECT. 7. This act shall be in force from and after  
2 its approval by the Governor.

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STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 14, 1855.

The foregoing Bill was read once, laid on the table, and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

LOUIS O. COWAN, *Secretary.*