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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

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HOUSE.

No. 22.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT for the establishment of a State Normal School.

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established as herein-
2 after provided, a State Normal School for the training
3 of teachers in the art of instructing and governing
4 the common schools of this state.

SECT. 2. • There shall be appointed by the governor
2 and council six trustees of said Normal School, one
3 from each congressional district in the state ; of whom,
4 in the first instance, two shall be appointed for one
5 year, two for two years and two for three years ; at

6 the expiration of which several terms, appointments
7 to fill said offices shall be for the term of three years,
8 which time shall thenceforth be the term of office of
9 said trustees. And any vacancy happening in the
10 office of trustee aforesaid, before the expiration of the
11 term of office, shall be filled by appointment by the
12 governor and council for the residue of said term.

SECT. 3. Said trustees, together with the superin-
2 tendent of common schools for the time being, shall
3 constitute the Board of Trustees of the State Normal
4 School, to which shall be committed the location of
5 said school; the application of the funds for the sup-
6 port thereof; the appointment of teachers and power
7 of removing the same; the authority to prescribe the
8 studies and exercises of the school; the rules for its
9 management; and the granting of diplomas;—and
10 they shall report on or before the fifteenth day of
11 January annually, to the legislature, their own doings
12 and the condition and progress of the school.

SECT. 4. The expenses necessarily incurred by said
2 trustees in the discharge of their duties, shall be de-
3 frayed out of the funds hereinafter appropriated for
4 the support of said school; but they shall receive no
5 compensation for their services.

SECT. 5. Whenever any person or persons or corporation shall offer to the board of trustees, for a time not less than ten years, the necessary building or buildings and apparatus for the accommodation of not less than two hundred pupils, to the acceptance of said board of trustees, and shall place said buildings and apparatus at the disposal of the trustees for the use of the state, and the board of trustees shall accept the same, then the said board shall establish therein a State Normal School, and appropriate for the expense thereof the sum hereinafter provided.

SECT. 6. For the support of said school there shall be annually appropriated, for the term of ten years, three thousand dollars for each year, out of the proceeds of the state tax on banks. And the governor, with the consent of the council, is hereby authorized to draw his warrant on the treasurer for the same.

SECT. 7. Such persons only shall be admitted to said school as have the *literary* qualifications now required by law for teachers in common schools; and no person shall be admitted to the same as a pupil, who does not intend to pursue the profession of teaching in the common schools of this state, and who shall

7 not before admission thereto, file with the trustees
8 thereof a declaration of such intention.

SECT. 8. The trustees shall be authorized, and it
2 shall be their duty, to establish such rules and regula-
3 tions as they may deem proper to secure the payment
4 of a reasonable *tuition* from such students as shall not
5 engage in teaching in the common schools of the
6 state for a time not less than twelve months during
7 the three years next after their leaving the Normal
8 School; but there shall be no charge for tuition to
9 those who shall in pursuance of their declaration,
10 teach in the common schools of the state the time
11 aforesaid.

SECT. 9. This act shall take effect from and after
2 its approval by the governor.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 18, 1856. }

ORDERED, That 700 copies of this Bill be printed.

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk.*