

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

DURING ITS SESSION

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1856.

THIRTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 24.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend chapter one hundred and eighty-
seven of the laws of eighteen hundred and fifty-five.

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

SECTION 1. All of chapter one hundred and eighty-
2 seven of the laws of eighteen hundred and fifty-five,
3 approved March seventeen, eighteen hundred and
4 fifty-five, except the first section, is hereby repealed.

SECT. 2. At each annual meeting of said society, it
2 shall elect, by ballot, a president, secretary, and such
3 other officers as may be deemed necessary; and
4 thirteen members shall constitute a quorum for the
5 transaction of business.

SECT. 3. Said society may take and hold property, 2 real and personal, the annual income of which shall 3 not exceed five thousand dollars, to be applied exclu- 4 sively to the advancement of agriculture, horticulture, 5 and the arts connected therewith; and the treasurer 6 of said society shall give suitable bonds to the board 7 of trustees for the safe keeping of said property and 8 for the faithful discharge of his duties.

SECT. 4. There shall be paid from the treasury of 2 state each year, during the next five years after the 3 passage of this act, as many dollars as may be raised 4 by said society, by assessment on the members there- 5 of, or otherwise, not exceeding one thousand dollars 6 in each year; and the governor and council, on pre- 7 sentation of a certificate signed by the president 8 thereof, stating the amount of money thus raised and 9 actually received as the property and for the benefit 10 of said society, shall draw their warrant for a like 11 amount as above specified.

SECT. 5. The money received from the state shall 2 be paid in premiums, for the encouragement of the 3 various departments of agriculture, horticulture, and 4 the arts connected therewith; and a full and correct 5 statement of such expenditures, together with the

6 several reports of the committees and the statements
7 of the several competitors, shall be annually trans-
8 mitted to the board of agriculture through the secre-
9 tary, the same as the county societies are required
10 to do.

SECT. 6. The several presidents of the county
2 agricultural societies who are members of the state
3 society, shall be, *ex-officio*, vice presidents thereof.

SECT. 7. A committee of five, consisting of Samuel
2 F. Perley, Seth Scammon, Francis Purington, Daniel
3 Lancaster and J. D. Lang, shall perform the duties
4 of a board of trustees of said society until a board of
5 trustees be chosen, in conformity with the constitution
6 of said society.

STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
February 25, 1856. }

ORDERED, That 200 copies of this Bill be printed.

DAVID DUNN, *Clerk.*