

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SENATE.]

[No. 7.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend an act entitled "An act to establish
a Board of Agriculture."

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

SECTION 1. The members of the Board of Agriculture
and the Secretary thereof, shall continue in office
until the expiration of the term for which they were
elected.

SECT. 2. The State Board of Agriculture, shall,
after the expiration of the term of office of the present
members, consist of members who shall be elected

4 and classified, as follows: one member may be elected
5 by ballot by each incorporated Agricultural and Hor-
6 ticultural Society in the State which maintains an
7 annual exhibition, and expends not less than one
8 hundred and fifty dollars in premiums for the encour-
9 agement of agriculture and horticulture and the arts
10 connected therewith. Said members shall hold their
11 office for the term of three years from the day of the
12 annual meeting of the Board, next after their elec-
13 tion, except as hereinafter provided, and shall be
14 elected by ballot at the annual meetings or fairs of
15 such societies, or at any regular meeting thereof called
16 for such purpose; and they shall receive and produce
17 as evidence of membership, a certificate of election,
18 signed by the president and secretary of such society,
19 and also a certificate from the treasurer of the soci-
20 ety, signed and sworn to, before a justice of the peace,
21 that the society which he represents has actually ex-
22 pended during the previous year not less than one
23 hundred and fifty dollars, as above required—pro-
24 vided, however, that if the annual exhibition of such
25 society shall have been by the advice of the Board of
26 Agriculture, merged in that of the State Agricultural

27 Society, the last named certificate shall not be re-
28 quired; and in case of any vacancy occurring in the
29 representation of any society, the same may be filled
30 by appointment, by the president and secretary of
31 such society.

SECT. 3. At the next annual meeting of the Board
2 of Agriculture, the members shall be divided as
3 equally as may be into three classes. The term of
4 office of the first class shall expire at the end of one
5 year, of the second class at the end of two years, the
6 members of each class to be designated by lot.

SECT. 4. The Board of Agriculture shall meet at
2 the State House in Augusta, annually, on the third
3 Wednesday of January, and they are hereby empow-
4 ered each year to elect a suitable person to act as
5 secretary of the Board, and to prescribe and deter-
6 mine his duties, and in case of vacancy by death or
7 otherwise, the Governor, with advice of his council,
8 is hereby empowered to fill the same. And all re-
9 ports and returns required by law to be made by said
10 societies, shall be made and returned to the secretary
11 of said Board. The compensation of the secretary
12 shall be hundred dollars per annum, and such

13 necessary traveling and incidental expenses as shall
14 accrue in the discharge of his duties, an account
15 thereof being first audited and allowed by the Gov-
16 ernor and council. And the compensation of the
17 members of the Board shall be the same as that of
18 members of the Legislature, for a term not exceeding
19 ten days, provided that if a member of the Board
20 shall also be a member or officer of the Legislature,
21 he shall receive compensation in but one capacity.

SECT. 5. It shall be the duty of said Board to
2 investigate all such subjects relating to agriculture,
3 horticulture and the arts connected therewith, in this
4 State, as they may think proper ; and it is hereby em-
5 powered to take, hold in trust, and exercise control
6 over, any donations or bequests that may be made to
7 it for promoting agricultural education, or the gen-
8 eral interests of husbandry ; and the said Board shall
9 annually, on or before the first Wednesday of January,
10 by its secretary, submit to the Legislature a detailed
11 report of its doings, together with an abstract or
12 digest of the returns of the several agricultural and
13 horticultural societies, and of such statistics as he may

14 be able to collect, with such recommendations and
15 suggestions as the interest of agriculture may be
16 deemed to require, and cause to be printed under his
17 direction and control, not more than ten thousand
18 copies of the same, one thousand copies thereof being
19 for the use of the Legislature, and the remainder for
20 distribution under the discretion of the Board, among
21 the people of the State.

SECT. 6. The Governor shall, from time to time,
2 draw his warrant on the Treasurer for such sums of
3 money as may be necessary to defray the salaries and
4 expenses provided for by this act, an account thereof
5 having been first rendered by the secretary of the
6 Board and audited by the executive council; and a
7 sum not exceeding thousand hundred
8 dollars annually, is hereby appropriated to meet such
9 expenses.

SECT. 7. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent
2 with this act are hereby repealed.

SECT. 8. This act shall take effect from and after
2 its approval by the Governor.



STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, Feb. 26 1857.

ORDERED, That 350 copies of the foregoing bill be printed for the use of the Legislature.

ATTEST :

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.