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SENATE.]

[No. 8.]

STATE OF MAINE.

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

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 school, one from each
3 congressional district ; of whom, in the first instance,
4 two shall be appointed for one year, two for two years,

5 and two for three years; at the expiration of which
6 several terms, appointments to fill said offices shall be
7 for the term of three years, which time shall thence-
8 forth be the term of office of said trustees; and any
9 vacancy happening in the office of trustee, before the
10 expiration of the term of office, shall be filled by
11 appointment by the governor and council, for the res-
12 idue 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 Nor-
4 mal School," to which shall be committed the location
5 of said school; the application of the funds for the
6 support thereof; the appointment of teachers and
7 power of removing the same; the authority to pre-
8 scribe the studies and exercises of the school; the
9 rules for its management; and the granting of diplo-
10 mas; and they shall report on or before the fifteenth
11 day of January annually, to the Legislature, their own
12 doings 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. Such persons, only, shall be admitted to
2 said school as have the literary qualifications now re-
3 quired by law for teachers in common schools ; and
4 no person shall be admitted to the same as a pupil
5 who does not intend to pursue the profession of teach-
6 ing in the common schools of this State, and who shall
7 not before admission thereto file with the trustees' a
8 declaration of such intention ; and whenever a greater
9 number of persons so qualified and declaring, shall
10 apply for admission as pupils to said school than can
11 be therein accommodated, the trustees shall admit
12 such applicants as will secure to every portion of the
13 State, so far as is practicable, an equal proportion of
14 pupils in said school.

SECT. 6. The trustees are authorized, and it shall
2 be their duty, to establish such rules and regulations
3 as they deem proper to secure the payment of a reas-
4 onable tuition from such pupils as shall not engage
5 in teaching in the common schools of this State for a

6 time not less than twelve months during the three
7 years next after their leaving the Normal School ; but
8 there shall be no charge for tuition to those who shall,
9 in pursuance of their declaration, teach in the com-
10 mon schools of this State the time aforesaid.

SECT. 7. Whenever any person or persons or cor-
2 poration shall offer to the board of trustees, for a
3 time not less than ten years, the necessary building or
4 buildings and apparatus for the accommodation of not
5 less than two hundred pupils, to the acceptance of
6 the said board of trustees, and shall place such build-
7 ings and apparatus at the disposal of the trustees for
8 the use of the State, and the board of trustees shall
9 accept the same ; then the said board shall establish
10 therein a State Normal School, as herein before pro-
11 vided, and appropriate for the support thereof the
12 sum provided in section 8th.

SECT. 8. For the support of said school there shall
2 be annually appropriated the sum of three thousand
3 dollars, for the term of ten years, out of any money
4 in the treasury not otherwise appropriated. And the
5 Governor, with consent of the Council, is hereby

6 authorized to draw his warrant on the treasurer for
7 the same.

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

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, March 2, 1857.

ORDERED, That 350 copies of the foregoing bill (reported from the Committee on Education) be printed for the use of the Legislature.

JOSEPH B. HALL, *Secretary*.