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# THIRTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE.

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[No. 6.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to provide for a State Normal School.

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

SECTION. 1. There shall be established in a central  
2 part of the state, and in the manner hereinafter pro-  
3 vided, a State Normal School, for the purpose of  
4 training teachers of common schools in the best  
5 methods of organizing, instructing and governing  
6 such schools.

SECT. 2. There shall be appointed by the governor  
2 and council, six trustees, two of whom shall, in the  
3 first instance, hold their office for one year, two for  
4 two years, and two for three years, the term of office  
5 for each, to be by them determined, by lot or other-

6 wise. At the expiration of the several terms thus  
7 determined, appointments shall be made by the gov-  
8 ernor and council to fill said offices, for the term of  
9 three years, which period shall thenceforth be the  
10 term of office for said trustees; and all vacancies  
11 occurring in the office of trustee shall be filled by the  
12 governor and council for the residue of the term.

SECT. 3. The superintendent of common schools,  
2 shall, *ex-officio*, be a member of the board of trustees,  
3 and president thereof.

SECT. 4. To the board of trustees shall be committed  
2 the location of the school, the application of the funds  
3 for its establishment and support, the appointment of  
4 teachers therein and the power of removing the same,  
5 and the authority to prescribe the studies and exer-  
6 cises of the school and the rules for its management;  
7 and they shall report to the legislature, on or before  
8 the tenth day of January annually, their own doings  
9 and the condition and progress of the school.

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

SECT. 6. The school shall be open for the admission  
2 of youth of both sexes; and all applicants for admis-

3 sion to the same shall file with the trustees, or such  
4 officer as they shall designate, a written declaration,  
5 that their object, in seeking to enjoy the privileges of  
6 the school is to qualify themselves for the business of  
7 teaching, and that it is their purpose to engage in  
8 that occupation, in the common schools of this state.

SECT. 7. The trustees shall adopt such regulations,  
2 in respect to the admission of pupils to the Normal  
3 School, as will, so far as may be practicable, secure  
4 to each and every part of the state, a just proportion  
5 of the pupils therein.

SECT. 8. To the pupils of the school, all the privi-  
2 leges thereof shall be gratuitous; but the trustees  
3 shall take such measures as may be necessary to secure  
4 the payment of a reasonable sum, as an equivalent  
5 for the privileges enjoyed at the school, from such of  
6 its pupils as shall not, in accordance with the decla-  
7 ration aforesaid, pursue the business of teaching, in  
8 the common schools of the state, at least nine months,  
9 within the period of three years after their connection  
10 with the school shall cease.

SECT. 9. The trustees shall, as soon as may be prac-  
2 ticable, after their appointment, take the necessary  
3 measures to procure an eligible site, and to erect  
4 thereon, for the purposes of the school, buildings fur-  
5 nishing suitable accommodations for not less than two

6 hundred and fifty pupils, said buildings to be completed and ready for use by the first day of October, eighteen hundred and fifty-nine.

SECT. 10. Immediately on the completion of the buildings aforesaid, or as soon thereafter as may be practicable, the trustees shall proceed to organize the school, and put the same in operation, according to the provisions of this act.

SECT. 11. To defray the expenses incurred in procuring the site and erecting thereon the buildings necessary for the accommodation of the Normal School, there is hereby appropriated the sum of twenty thousand dollars, one-half or ten thousand dollars to be taken from the proceeds of the state tax on banks for the year eighteen hundred and fifty-eight, and ten thousand dollars from the avails of said tax for the year eighteen hundred and fifty-nine.

SECT. 12. There is hereby appropriated, for the support of said school, for a period of five years, the annual sum of four thousand dollars, said sum to be taken from the income of the school fund.

SECT. 13. The governor is hereby authorized to draw his warrant on the treasury for any part of the sums appropriated in sections eleven and twelve of this act, whenever, in his judgment, the same is re-

5 quired for the establishment or support of the school  
6 herein contemplated.

SECT. 14. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent  
2 with this act, are hereby repealed.

SECT. 15. This act shall take effect, when the same  
2 shall be approved by the governor.

## STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Feb. 2, 1858.

This bill was twice read, on motion of Mr. WOODMAN of Bucksport, it was laid on the table, and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

G. W. WILCOX, *Clerk.*