

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# THIRTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE.

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SENATE.

No. 22.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT providing for Normal Schools in the several  
counties, and repealing the act providing for county  
conventions of teachers.

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

SECTION 1. The sum of two thousand seven hundred  
2 dollars is hereby appropriated, and hereafter the sum  
3 of five thousand four hundred dollars shall be annually  
4 appropriated for Normal Schools; and from the same,  
5 the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars on the first  
6 day of September next, and thereafter on the first day

7 of January in each year, the sum of three hundred  
8 dollars shall be paid by the treasurer of state upon  
9 the conditions hereinafter provided; to the trustees or  
10 agents of the following seminaries and academies, viz:  
11 Elliot Academy, Limerick Academy, Foxcroft Acade-  
12 my, Bloomfield Academy, Freedom Academy, Farm-  
13 ington Academy, Washington Academy, Newcastle  
14 Academy, Paris Hill Academy, Bath Academy, Hamp-  
15 den Academy, Thomaston Academy, Presque Isle  
16 Academy, Maine Wesleyan Seminary, Maine State Sem-  
17 inary, East Maine Conference, Bridgton Academy,  
18 Yarmouth Academy. Those only of the above men-  
19 tioned academies and seminaries shall receive of the  
20 treasurer of the state the said sums, who shall, on or  
21 before the first day of August next, file in the office  
22 of the secretary of state, a written acceptance from the  
23 provisions of this act, with all its directions, conditions  
24 and limitations, and also a certificate from the superin-  
25 tendent of common schools that he believes the money  
26 will be faithfully appropriated according to the direc-  
27 tion of this act.

SECT. 2. A normal school in each academy during  
2 the spring and fall terms shall be kept, and each term  
3 shall not be less than eleven weeks, the first commenc-  
4 ing with the fall term of this year. The boards of

5 trustees or agents aforesaid, shall give public notice in  
6 some newspaper in the county, at least three weeks  
7 successively, before the commencement of each term.  
8 Suitable and qualified teachers shall be employed, and  
9 good accommodations procured for at least fifty pupils.

SECT. 3. A committee appointed by the trustees of  
2 each academy shall examine in the various branches of  
3 education taught in the common schools, all pupils who  
4 apply for admission to the normal school, and if in  
5 their opinion the applicant has such attainments, that  
6 not more than two terms of further instruction, with  
7 diligent application, will qualify him or her to become  
8 a teacher of youth, the committee may give him or  
9 her a certificate of admission; and no pupil can be ad-  
10 mitted without such certificate; but the trustees shall  
11 have a discretion in the admission of pupils, and it  
12 shall be their duty so to exercise such discretion, that  
13 an equal number, regard being had to population, from  
14 each city and town in the county, may be admitted.  
15 For the spring term females shall have the preference  
16 for admission, and for the fall term, males.

SECT. 4. Each male student shall be required to pay  
2 to the said boards of trustees or agents, for each term  
3 of normal instruction, one dollar, and each female stu-  
4 dent fifty cents upon entering the school.

SECT. 5. The superintendent of common schools shall  
2 visit each academy during each term of the normal  
3 school, and make examination of the course and char-  
4 acter of the instruction, and shall make such rules and  
5 regulations for the management of the school as he  
6 may deem necessary. He may prescribe the course  
7 of instruction, and may notify the governor and coun-  
8 cil of any failure of the academy to fulfill the condi-  
9 tions of this act.

SECT. 6. Instead of the salary now provided by law,  
2 the superintendent of the common schools shall be en-  
3 titled to receive twelve hundred dollars as his salary,  
4 from the treasurer of the state, in quarterly payments,  
5 on the first day of January, April, July and October,  
6 in full for his services and expenses.

SECT. 7. The aforesaid boards of trustees or agents,  
2 at the close of each term, shall make full and complete  
3 returns to the secretary of state, as required by the  
4 blank forms, which shall be prepared by the superin-  
5 tendent of common schools, and furnished by the sec-  
6 retary of state.

SECT. 8. If any academy shall fail to accept of the  
2 provisions of this act, or shall fail to fulfill the pro-  
3 visions of the same, the governor with the advice of  
4 the superintendent, may designate some other academy

5 in the county, and it shall be entitled, instead of the  
6 academy which has failed to accept or fulfill the con-  
7 ditions of this act, to the said sum of three hundred  
8 dollars annually, and be subject to the provisions of  
9 this act.

SECT. 9. Sections sixty-eight and sixty-nine of  
2 chapter eleven of the revised statutes, are hereby  
3 repealed.

SECT. 10. This act shall take effect from and after  
2 its approval by the governor.





STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, March 13, 1860.

This bill, reported from the Committee on Education, was read and 350 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

JAMES M. LINCOLN, *Secretary.*