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# ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 1023

House of Representatives, March 12, 1969

Referred to Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Richardson of Stonington.

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## STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-NINE

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### **AN ACT Repealing the Law Coordinating Public Higher Education in Maine.**

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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

**Sec. 1.** P. & S. L., 1865, c. 532, § 1-A, repealed. Section 1-A of chapter 532 of the private and special laws of 1865, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 229 of the private and special laws of 1967, is repealed.

**Sec. 2.** P. & S. L., 1865, c. 532, § 4, repealed and replaced. Section 4 of chapter 532 of the private and special laws of 1865, as repealed and replaced by section 2 of chapter 229 of the private and special laws of 1967, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

**Sec. 4.** Trustees; number; State Commissioner of Education ex officio member. The State Commissioner of Education shall be ex officio a member of the board of trustees of the University of Maine with all the powers and privileges of members, and the number of trustees, including said ex officio member, is hereby increased to 11, of whom 2 shall be women. One of the women members shall be an alumna of the University of Maine, who shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Council, upon nomination by the Alumni Association of said university. The alumna member so nominated and appointed shall serve for a term of 3 years. The 2nd woman member shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Council for a term of 7 years. No person shall be a trustee of the university who is over 70 years of age nor, with the exception of the member appointed under the provisions of chapter 196 of the public laws of 1883, who is not a legal resident of this State.

**Sec. 3.** P. & S. L., 1865, c. 532, §§ 4-A - 4-E, repealed. Sections 4-A to 4-E of chapter 532 of the private and special laws of 1865, as enacted by sec-

tion 3 of chapter 229 of the private and special laws of 1967, are repealed.

**Sec. 4. Number of trustees limited to 7.** No vacancy occurring in the board of trustees of the State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts, shall hereafter be filled until the number of trustees shall be less than 7; and thereafterwards the number of said trustees shall be 7 and no more.

**Sec. 5. Appointments to be made by Governor; terms of office.** The appointment of the new board of trustees shall be made by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council. As soon as may be after the new board of trustees shall have been appointed, they shall designate by lot one of their number to hold office one year, one 2 years, one 3 years, one 4 years, one 5 years, one 6 years, and one 7 years, so that the office of one trustees shall become vacant every year. And thereafter, the term of office of every trustee shall be seven years; but any vacancy occurring by reason of death, resignation or otherwise, before the expiration of the term of office shall be filled for the remainder of the term.

**Sec. 6. Vacancies, how filled.** All vacancies occurring in the board of trustees shall be filled by the Governor and Council, on the nomination of the trustees. In case the nomination by the trustees shall not be confirmed by the Governor and Council, said trustees shall make another nomination, and so on till the nomination shall be confirmed.

**Sec. 7. Inconsistent laws repealed.** All laws inconsistent with sections 4 to 7 are hereby repealed.

**Sec. 8. Secretary constituted ex officio member of board of trustees.** The secretary of the board of agriculture is hereby constituted a member ex officio of the board of trustees of the State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts.

**Sec. 9. Members at large to be appointed by the Governor with advice of Council.** In addition to the members of the board of agriculture as constituted by chapter 186 of the laws of 1860, the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, shall appoint 5 members at large, of whom 2 at least shall be from the faculty of the State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts. The term during which these shall severally hold office shall be determined in the same manner as the other members.

**Sec. 10. Sessions, number and length of, regulated; board may fix time and place of other sessions; first meeting.** The board of agriculture shall hold 2 sessions annually, of not exceeding 4 days each, one of which shall be held within such convenient distance of the State College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts as will enable the attendance of the students and faculty of said college, so that they may have the advantage of the addresses and discussions before the board. The other session shall be at such time and place as may be from time to time determined by vote of the board. The first meeting under sections 8 to 13 shall be held at such time and place as may be determined by the secretary of the board of agriculture and acting president of the college.

**Sec. 11. Expenses, how rendered.** Members of the board of agriculture shall be paid their actual necessary expenses incurred by travel and attendance at the sessions aforesaid, an exact account of the same being first rendered by each member through a committee of the board and reported thereon. But members shall receive no compensation for time and services rendered.

**Sec. 12. Secretary to procure aids, etc., to render sessions useful; expense not to exceed \$400.**

**Sec. 13.** The secretary of the board of agriculture is hereby authorized to procure such aid and facilities as may be needful to render the sessions useful and profitable to the public, the aggregate expense thereof not to exceed \$400 annually.

**Sec. 14.** All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with sections 8 to 13 are hereby repealed.

**Sec. 15. Alumni trustees; qualifications; tenure.** One member of the board of trustees of the University of Maine shall be a graduate of said university, not less than 25 years of age, who shall hold his office for a term of 3 years and shall not necessarily be a legal resident of the State of Maine.

**Sec. 16. Compensation of trustees.** The trustees of the Maine State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts shall receive \$2 a day for their regular visits at said institution, and the same sum for every 20 miles travel.