

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 722

H. P. 583

House of Representatives, February 19, 1975

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Powell of Wallagrass Plantation.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

**AN ACT to Withdraw from John F. Kennedy College the Right to use the
Term "College" in its Name.**

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

P & SL 1967, c. 102, § 3 is repealed.

STATEMENT OF FACT

In the spring of 1968 and the spring of 1970, John F. Kennedy College made application to the Secretary of State requesting authority to grant and confer associate and baccalaureate degrees. The reports of both visiting committees, and the recommendations of the State Board of Education to the Legislature, resulted in a denial of the request for degree-granting status.

In September of 1973, an evaluation committee reviewed John F. Kennedy College concerning the college status and the use of the term "college" by the institution. The committee unanimously recommends that the use of the term "college" be withdrawn and that Chapter 102, Private and Special Laws of the State of Maine, 1967, be amended by the 107th Legislative session to reflect this change.

At the October 15, 1974 Higher Education Council meeting, a motion was moved and seconded, and so voted, "to withdraw membership of John F. Kennedy College in the Council until such time documentary evidence is provided by the Board of Directors that progress toward degree-granting status is being made."

At the January 9, 1975 State Board meeting, it was voted to support legislation recommending that the use of the term "college" be withdrawn, and that chapter 102, Private and Special Laws of the State of Maine, 1967, be amended to reflect this change.