

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 69

H. P. 48

House of Representatives, January 12, 1977

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Ms. Clark of Freeport.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Conferring Degrees by Husson College.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, Husson College, a nonprofit corporation, organized in 1961 as the successor to the original Husson College, founded in 1926 as Bangor Maine School of Commerce, is a nationally accredited specialized college of business, granted authority to confer Bachelor of Science Degrees in Accounting, Business Administration, Business Education and Secretarial Science and Associate Degrees in Business Science; and

Whereas, Husson College desires to expand its curriculum so as to offer graduate programs in Accounting, Business Administration, Business Teacher Education and in Office Administration, and to confer Master of Science Degrees to all those students who successfully complete a prescribed graduate level program in one of those areas at the earliest possible time; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. P&SL 1953, c. 11, as last amended by P&SL 1969, c. 213, is further amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

In addition to the rights, privileges and powers granted to Husson College by chapter 11 of the private and special laws of 1953, as amended by chapter 15 of the private and special laws of 1963, as amended by chapter 121 of the private and special laws of 1965, as amended by chapter 90 of the private and special laws of 1969, as amended by chapter 213 of the private and special laws of 1969, Husson College, a nonprofit corporation of Bangor, Maine, is authorized, by appropriate action of its trustees, to confer upon all who successfully complete such courses of study as those trustees may prescribe, within the scope customarily established by colleges offering a graduate curriculum, the degrees of Master of Science in Accounting, Business Administration, Business Teacher Education and Office Administration.

Sec. 2. Effective date. The first degree of Master of Science in Accounting, Business Administration, Business Teacher Education and Office Administration shall be awarded no earlier than May, 1978.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACT

It is the purpose of this bill to amend the private and special laws so as to grant the conferring of degrees of Master of Science at Husson College in the areas of Accounting, Business Administration, Business Teacher Education and Office Administration. This bill will enable Husson College to offer a greater range of opportunity within the State to students in business education.