

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1001**

H. P. 793

House of Representatives, March 5, 1979

On Motion of Mr. Connolly of Portland, referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Hughes of Auburn.

Cosponsor: Mr. Birt of E. Millinocket.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

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**AN ACT Concerning the Powers of the Board of Trustees and the Treasurer of the  
University of Maine and Concerning Real Property Belonging to the University.**

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

**Sec. 1.** 20 MRSA § 2255, last sentence, as amended by PL 1975, c. 771, § 181, is repealed.

**Sec. 2.** P&SL 1865, c. 532, § 4-B, sub-§ 1, as enacted by P&SL 1967, c. 229, § 3, is amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read:

**The University of Maine, acting through its board of trustees, has all of the general powers which are granted to and vested in nonprofit corporations organized under the laws of the State as set forth in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 13-B, section 202, as the same may be amended from time to time, in addition to its other powers, provided, that it shall not have the power to make contributions for political candidates or political parties.**

**Sec. 3.** P&SL 1865, c. 532, § 4-C, last ¶, as repealed and replaced by P&SL 1973, c. 84, is repealed.

## STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill accomplishes 3 things:

1. It confirms that the University of Maine acting through its board of trustees, has had and continues to have the general powers which are vested in nonprofit corporations organized under the laws of the State, in addition to its other powers;
2. It eliminates the special provision regarding real property formerly owned by the state colleges so that the real property is subject to the same laws as apply to all other property owned by the University of Maine; and
3. It repeals the declaration of the authority of the treasurer of the University of Maine, in part, because it is no longer necessary in view of the application of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 13-B, section 202, to the University of Maine and in part because the borrowing authority is vested in the trustees.