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No. 1027

7 H.P. 717

House of Representatives, March 13, 1985

8 On motion of Representative Brown of Gorham, referred to the
9 Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Bost of Orono.

11 Cosponsored by Representative Mills of Bethel, Senator Baldacci of
Penobscot and Representative Stevens of Bangor.

12 STATE OF MAINE
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE
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17 AN ACT to Change the Name of the University
18 of Maine at Orono to the University of
19 Maine and the University of Maine to
20 the University of Maine System.
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22 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as
23 follows:

24 Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §801, sub-§2, as amended by PL
25 1981, c. 812, §105, is further amended to read:

26 2. Membership. The committee shall consist of 7
27 members to be appointed by the Governor for a full
28 term of 5 years. One member shall be a representa-
29 tive of the department. One member shall be a repre-
30 sentative of the University of Maine System and the
31 remaining members shall be citizens of the State. A
32 vacancy in the membership shall be filled for the un-
33 expired term by appointment by the Governor.

34 Sec. 2. 20-A MRSA §803, as enacted by PL 1981,
35 c. 693, §§5 and 8, is amended to read:

1 The Advisory Committee on Maine Public Broadcast-
2 ing may act as follows:

3 1. Recommendations. To recommend to the trust-
4 ees of the University of Maine System relating to the
5 appointment of professional, clerical or other as-
6 sistants, location of public broadcasting stations
7 and construction and equipment of those stations nec-
8 essary to carry out the purposes of this chapter; and

9 2. Programs. To advise the trustees of the Uni-
10 versity of Maine System for the public broadcasting
11 programs to be transmitted by the network.

12 Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §852, as enacted by PL 1981,
13 c. 693, §§5 and 8, is amended to read:

14 §852. Construction of statewide network

15 1. Authority. The University of Maine System
16 may acquire real estate, construct, operate, manage
17 and equip radio, transmission and microwave televi-
18 sion facilities and interconnect with any other radio
19 or television network or station within or without
20 this State for the purpose of providing a statewide
21 public broadcasting network for the transmission of
22 public broadcasting to pupils in the schools, col-
23 leges, university and adult audiences throughout the
24 State.

25 2. Contracts. The University of Maine System
26 may enter into contracts for the construction of
27 those facilities, contracts for personal services
28 necessary for the management and operation of those
29 facilities and any other contracts deemed necessary
30 to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

31 Sec. 4. 20-A MRSA §10901, sub-§§1 and 2, as en-
32 acted by PL 1981, c. 693, §§5 and 8, are amended to
33 read:

34 1. Trustees. "Trustees" means the Trustees of the
35 University of Maine System.

36 2. University. "University" means the University
37 of Maine System.

1 Sec. 5. 20-A MRSA §10902, sub-§15, as enacted by
2 PL 1983, c. 97, §2, is amended to read:

3 15. Transfer of credits. To provide for a uni-
4 form system of transferring credits for equivalent
5 courses between the various units of the University
6 of Maine System;

7 Sec. 6. 20-A MRSA §10902, sub-§§16 and 17, as
8 amended by PL 1983, c. 806, §79, are amended to
9 read:

10 16. Uniform course numbering. To provide for a
11 uniform system of the numbering of courses for equiv-
12 alent courses between the various units of the Uni-
13 versity of Maine System;

14 17. Uniform course descriptions. To provide for
15 a uniform system of course descriptions for equiva-
16 lent courses between the various units of the Univer-
17 sity of Maine System; and

18 Sec. 7. 20-A MRSA §10902-B, as enacted by PL
19 1983, c. 799, §3, is amended to read:

20 §10902-B. Report by chancellor

21 The Chancellor of the University of Maine System
22 shall be invited by the Speaker of the House of Rep-
23 resentatives and the President of the Senate annual-
24 ly, in January, to appear before a joint session of
25 the Legislature to address the Legislature on the
26 state of the university system and such other matters
27 as the chancellor desires to bring to the
28 Legislature's attention.

29 Sec. 8. 20-A MRSA §10907, sub-§§1, 4 and 5, as
30 enacted by PL 1983, c. 97, §3, are amended to read:

31 1. Formation. The Chancellor of the University
32 of Maine System shall form a committee composed of:

33 A. The Dean of Academic Affairs or designee from
34 each campus of the University of Maine System;

35 B. One faculty member selected by the faculty
36 from each campus of the University of Maine
37 System;

1 C. One student representative selected by the
2 student body of each campus of the University of
3 Maine System;

4 D. The Vice-Chancellor of Academic Affairs of
5 the University of Maine System to serve as an ex
6 officio member; and

7 E. One member of the joint standing committee of
8 the Legislature having jurisdiction over educa-
9 tion to serve as an ex officio member and to be
10 selected by the chairmen of the joint standing
11 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction
12 over education.

13 4. Duties. The committee shall establish:

14 A. A uniform system to facilitate the transfer
15 of credits for equivalent courses between the
16 various units of the University of Maine System;

17 B. Development of a A uniform course numbering
18 system for use within the University of Maine
19 System; and

20 C. Development of uniform Uniform course de-
21 scriptions to provide an easy comparison of
22 courses offered between the various units of the
23 University of Maine System.

24 5. Report and implementation. The committee
25 shall report the results of its deliberations and its
26 recommendations to the Board of Trustees of the Uni-
27 versity of Maine trustees no later than one year from
28 the effective date of this subsection, as amended.
29 The trustees shall implement the recommendations no
30 later than the beginning of the fall semester of
31 1985.

32 **Sec. 9. 20-A MRS** §10908, as enacted by PL 1983,
33 c. 806, §82, is amended to read:

34 §10908. Educational opportunities for recipients of
35 Aid to Families with Dependent Children

36 In conjunction with the Maine Aid to Families
37 with Dependent Children Coordinating Committee oper-

1 ating pursuant to Title 22, chapter 1054, the Univer-
2 sity of Maine System:

3 1. Placement. Shall promote opportunities for
4 educational placement for recipients of Aid to Fami-
5 lies with Dependent Children who meet applicable ad-
6 missions requirements; and

7 2. Supportive services. Within the limits of
8 available funds for supportive services, shall make
9 available to Aid to Families with Dependent Children
10 recipients admitted as students opportunities for
11 supportive services which may include, but are not
12 limited to, remedial educational courses, day care
13 services, counseling services and other programs and
14 services consistent with the policy and intent of Ti-
15 tle 22, chapter 1054.

16 Sec. 10. 20-A MRSA §10909 is enacted to read:

17 §10909. Name of Orono campus

18 The Orono campus of the University of Maine Sys-
19 tem, known as the University of Maine at Orono, shall
20 be known and referred to as the University of Maine.

21 Sec. 11. P&SL 1865, c. 532, §1, first sentence,
22 as amended by P&SL 1897, c. 551, is further amended
23 to read:

24 Samuel F. Perley, N. T. Hill, Bradford Cummings,
25 Thomas S. Lang, Dennis Moore, William D. Dana, S. L.
26 Goodale, Robert Martin, Alfred S. Perkins, Joseph
27 Farwell, Seward Dill, Joseph Day, Ebenezer Knowlton,
28 Hannibal Hamlin, Charles A. Everett and William Wirt
29 Virgin, are hereby constituted a body politic and
30 corporate, by the name of the University of Maine
31 System, having succession as hereinafter provided,
32 with power to establish and maintain, subject to the
33 provisions and limitations of this act, such a col-
34 lege as is authorized and provided for, by the act of
35 the congress of the United States, passed on the sec-
36 ond day of July, in the year eighteen hundred and
37 sixty-two, entitled "an act donating lands to the
38 several states and territories, which may provide
39 colleges, for the benefit of agriculture and the me-
40 chanic arts."

1 Sec. 12. P&SL 1865, c. 532, §1-A, as amended by
2 P&SL 1969, c. 238, §2, is further amended to read:

3 Sec. 1-A. Establishment; purposes. To develop,
4 maintain and support a cohesive structure of public
5 higher education in the State of Maine and in full
6 recognition of the principle that each institution of
7 higher education shall have a proper measure of control
8 over its own operations and that its faculty
9 shall enjoy the academic freedoms traditionally accorded
10 institutions of higher education in teaching,
11 research and expression of opinions, a system
12 unifying the University of Maine, Gorham State College,
13 Farmington State College, Aroostook State College,
14 Washington State College and Fort Kent State
15 College is established under the name of the University
16 of Maine System.

17 Sec. 13. P&SL 1865, c. 532, §4, sub-§3, first
18 sentence, as enacted by P&SL 1983, c. 33, is amended
19 to read:

20 One of the members shall be a full-time student
21 at one of the campuses of the University of Maine
22 System at the time of appointment and shall be a permanent
23 resident of the State.

24 Sec. 14. P&SL 1865, c. 532, §4, sub-§4, as enacted
25 by P&SL 1983, c. 33, is amended to read:

26 4. Meetings of the Board of Trustees. The Board
27 of Trustees shall meet from time to time at each of
28 the various campuses of the University of Maine
29 System, whenever reasonably practical.

30 Sec. 15. P&SL 1865, c. 532, §4-C, last ¶, as repealed
31 and replaced by P&SL 1973, c. 84, is amended
32 to read:

33 Ownership of any real property formerly held by
34 Aroostook State College, Farmington State College,
35 Fort Kent State College, Gorham State College or
36 Washington State College, which is removed from educational
37 use by the University of Maine System, may
38 be sold by the University of Maine System subject to
39 the approval of the Governor and Council. Proceeds
40 of such sales shall revert to the General Fund.

1 Sec. 16. P&SL 1865, c. 532, §4-D, 2nd sentence,
2 as enacted by P&SL 1967, c. 229, §3, is amended to
3 read:

4 Such election shall be made within 6 months after
5 the effective date of this Act on forms and in such
6 manner as the Board of Trustees of the University of
7 Maine System may direct.

8 Sec. 17. P&SL 1865, c. 532, §4-D, 8th sentence,
9 as enacted by P&SL 1969, c. 66, is further amended to
10 read:

11 The board of trustees shall have the final au-
12 thority in their efforts to work out, as well as may
13 be, uniform personnel policies and procedures for all
14 employees of the University of Maine System, except
15 that nothing contained herein in any way shall abro-
16 gate the options for employment benefits in this sec-
17 tion.

18 Sec. 18. P&SL 1865, c. 532, §4-F, as enacted by
19 P&SL 1969, c. 117, is amended to read:

20 Sec. 4-F. Contracts. The Board of Trustees of
21 the University of Maine System shall have authority
22 to authorize contracts with the State of Maine, or
23 any department or agency thereof, or any city, town,
24 district or other public instrumentality, on such
25 terms and conditions as they shall approve for the
26 furnishing to said university of water and sewer ser-
27 vices. The term of any such contract may not exceed
28 50 years.

29 Sec. 19. P&SL 1865, c. 532, §8-A, first ¶, as
30 amended by PL 1981, c. 470, Pt. B, §13, is further
31 amended to read:

32 The trustees of the University of Maine System
33 may appoint persons to act as policemen who shall,
34 within the limits of the property owned by or under
35 the control of the university, possess all of the
36 powers of policemen in criminal cases and civil vio-
37 lations.

38 Sec. 20. P&SL 1865, c. 532, §9-A, first ¶, as
39 enacted by P&SL 1951, c. 97, is amended to read:

1 The board of trustees of the University of Maine
2 System is hereby authorized to locate, construct,
3 equip and operate a college of medicine and to set,
4 establish and maintain standards of teaching and
5 scholarship therefor; provided, nevertheless, that
6 said location, construction, equipment and operation
7 shall meet the approval of and that the standards of
8 teaching and scholarship be at least equal to stan-
9 dards approved by the Council on Medical Education
10 and Hospitals of the American Medical Association and
11 of the Association of American Medical Colleges; and
12 provided further, that said board of trustees shall
13 be under no duty to perform any function under this
14 section unless and until, in its opinion, the said
15 board has received or is assured of sufficient funds
16 either by gift from any source or by appropriation by
17 the State of Maine to successfully construct and op-
18 erate such college of medicine.

19 Sec. 21. Implementation; intent. It is the in-
20 tent of the Legislature that implementation of this
21 Act will not require a change in the existing name of
22 any campus of the university system aside from the
23 name change specified for the Orono campus in section
24 10 of this Act. The other campuses may continue to
25 use their present names or any other name determined
26 appropriate by the trustees.

27 STATEMENT OF FACT

28 The purpose of this bill is to change the name of
29 the University of Maine to the University of Maine
30 System and the name of the campus of the University
31 of Maine located at Orono to the University of Maine.
32 The bill makes numerous changes in the Maine Revised
33 Statutes and the charter of the university in order
34 to accomplish that purpose.

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