

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 47.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND EIGHTY.

AN ACT to incorporate the Penobscot Valley Gorsedh of Bards and State-of-Maine Branch of the Druidic University of America.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

SECTION 1. Daniel H. Owen, Samuel W. Hoskins,
2 J. Ingraham Brown, J. Henry Lindsey, Seth B.
3 Sprague, George P. Sewall, Charles D. Sprague,
4 Benjamin C. Woodbury, Charles James Shreve,
5 Louis C. Stearns, J. Higgins Wilson, Clark Wood-
6 bury, William McLaughlin, James Davies, and their
7 associates and successors, shall be incorporated into
8 a body politic and corporate forever under the name
9 of the Penobscot Valley Gorsedh of Bards and
10 State-of-Maine Branch of the Druidic University

11 of America, for the purpose of promoting litera-
12 ture, science, art, medicine, philosophy, and other
13 branches of knowledge and industry, according to
14 the graded and seven-years' curriculum of the
15 bards—of inculcating the doctrine of unity, peace
16 and concord—and of maintaining the uninterrupted
17 continuance of the ancient and primitive three sub-
18 lime orders, to wit, of Ovytes, Bards and Druids;
19 and by that name may have power to prosecute
20 and defend suits in law and equity, and have and
21 use a common seal, and make and establish regu-
22 lations and by-laws, for the management of their
23 affairs, such as shall not be repugnant to the laws
24 of the state of Maine; and may hold real and per-
25 sonal estate that they now have, or may hereafter
26 acquire by gift, grant, bequest or otherwise, not to
27 exceed in value one hundred thousand dollars.

SECT. 2. The acts of said body when incorpor-
2 ated, shall be in accordance with the old and
3 established laws and usages of the bards and the
4 laws of the state of Maine.

SECT. 3. Daniel H. Owen is authorized, as pre-
2 siding bard, to call the first meeting of said cor-
3 poration at the hall of the Druids' building in the
4 town of Sherman, when and in what manner he
5 shall think best.

SECT. 4. The said corporation shall be governed
2 in its actions and proceedings, firstly, in its
3 Gorsedhic department, by regulations in harmony
4 with the established and recognized laws and
5 usages of the bards, in so far as the same shall
6 not be repugnant to the laws of the state of Maine;
7 and, secondly, in its university department, by reg-
8 ulations in harmony with the fundamental laws of
9 the general continental organization known as the
10 Druidic University of America, in so far as the
11 same shall not be repugnant to the laws of said
12 state.

SECT. 5. The regular sessions of the said corpor-
2 ation shall be holden quarterly, to wit, at the
3 periods of the vernal equinox, summer solstice,
4 autumnal equinox, and winter solstice, and the
5 time and place of meeting shall have been pro-
6 claimed one year and one day previously at a
7 meeting of the bards duly called.

SECT. 6. At each such session, any university
2 business or work may be performed, except that
3 the graduation of candidates shall take place only
4 at the summer solstice session, or at an adjourned
5 meeting of the same.

SECT. 7. The officers of said corporation shall be
2 a presiding bard, three high councillors, called

3 rune bards, a recording secretary, treasurer, finan-
4 cial secretary, and nine or more other bards as
5 councillors.

SECT. 8. The minimum quorum for Gorsedhic
2 work shall be three; and for university business,
3 five.

SECT. 9. The election of officers shall take place
2 annually at the summer solstice session.

SECT. 10. The university department shall con-
2 fine graduation to bardic students.

SECT. 11. The corporation may provide for the
2 instruction of bardic students and apprentices, and
3 render aid to poor members who may be considered
4 by the voice of the bards in session to be talented
5 and deserving, so as to enable them to attain
6 knowledge and skill.

SECT. 12. The complete period of study for a
2 student in any branch of literature, science, or art,
3 shall be seven years, within which time he may be
4 promoted to degrees in the following manner: To
5 the licentiate or assistant degree, after three
6 years of study, equivalent to twelve terms of lec-
7 tures of three months each term; to the interme-
8 diate degree, or degree of approximate qualifica-
9 tion, after four years of study, equivalent to six-
10 teen terms of lectures; to the degree of complete

11 qualification or master's degree, after five years of
12 study, equivalent to twenty terms of lectures; and
13 to the supergraduateship, or professor's degree,
14 after seven years of study.

SECT. 13. The instructors and examiners of the
2 university department shall be bards of the super-
3 graduate degree.

SECT. 14. Each supergraduate in good standing
2 is authorized to instruct students and apprentices,
3 either at his own residence, at one of the Druids'
4 halls or elsewhere, and to furnish them with certifi-
5 cates of attendance.

SECT. 15. Bardic students attending any other
2 institution of learning or art, with a view to qualify
3 themselves for graduation at this university depart-
4 ment, shall do so under the direction of a Druidic
5 perceptor, who shall furnish them with certificate
6 of attendance.

SECT. 16. The university examiners shall be ap-
2 pointed by the presiding bard, and three rune bards
3 or high councillors, as a joint committee, at any
4 session of the corporation.

SECT. 17. The examination of candidates for
2 degrees shall be holden annually at the period of
3 the summer solstice, at the city of Bangor, and
4 adjourned meetings of the examining committee

5 may be appointed by the session at said solstice,
6 to be holden within the thirty days following, at
7 certain places in the state.

SECT. 18. A student, being candidate for any
2 degree, shall be examined by no less than three
3 examiners; but in no case shall the same person
4 act as instructor and examiner of a student within
5 the same university year.

SECT. 19. The remuneration of examiners shall
2 be derived from the treasury of the corporation.

SECT. 20. In no case shall a fee be charged for
2 diplomas, beyond payment for the expense of mate-
3 rial, printing and writing of the same.

SECT. 21. A student in medicine or surgery,
2 before he may present himself candidate for the
3 second degree of his profession, must have at-
4 tended for three months at a regular hospital,
5 under the direction of a Druidic instructor, and
6 such attendance shall be accounted to him as
7 equivalent to one term out of the sixteen terms of
8 study required for that degree; a candidate for the
9 third degree must have attended six months in a
10 regular hospital, which attendance shall be ac-
11 counted to him as equivalent to one of the twenty
12 terms of study required for that degree; and a
13 candidate for the supergraduateship must have

14 been two years further in study or practice of his
15 art, to complete the twenty-eight terms required
16 for that degree.

SECT. 22. Members of Gorsedh who are already
2 well established and recognized as literati scien-
3 tists, or practitioners in art, medicine or law, or
4 are graduates of a reputable collegiate institution,
5 may, having received a certificate of their status
6 from a Druidic preceptor, present such certificate
7 to the examiners and be admitted to examination
8 for such degree or degrees as the period of their
9 studies and their reputed attainments would seem
10 to indicate, and their examination shall be the same
11 as that of other candidates for similar degrees.

SECT. 23. No such degrees as those known by
2 the name of honorary degrees shall be conferred
3 by this branch of the Druidic university.

SECT. 24. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
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ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*