

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# FIFTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE.

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HOUSE.

No. 77.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to remodel the Board of Agriculture.

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

SECTION 1. The president and the professor of  
2 agriculture of the state college of agriculture and  
3 the mechanic arts, together with one person from  
4 each county in the state as now provided for, whose  
5 terms of office and the election of their successors  
6 shall also be as now provided for, shall constitute  
7 the Maine board of agriculture, for the improve-  
8 ment of agriculture and the advancement of the  
9 general interests of husbandry.

SECT. 2. The board shall hold a business session  
2 of not exceeding two days at the capital, on the first  
3 Wednesday of April next, and thereafter annually

4 on the third Wednesday of January in each year,  
5 for the election of officers and perfecting plans for  
6 the execution of the work for the year.

SECT. 3. The board, by its secretary and one of  
2 its members, shall hold annually one farmer's in-  
3 stitute in each county, and as many more as it shall  
4 deem expedient or find practicable with the means  
5 at its disposal, for the public discussion of topics  
6 relating to husbandry, either independently or in  
7 connection with any organization devoted to the  
8 same general object, and it may in its discretion  
9 issue bulletins, employ experts, lecturers, a reporter  
10 or other aids to enhance the usefulness of said in-  
11 stitutes to the public; and shall, as far as practica-  
12 ble, aid and encourage agricultural societies and  
13 associations in their efforts. The members of the  
14 board shall receive no compensation for time and  
15 services rendered, but shall be reimbursed for ex-  
16 penses incurred in the discharge of their duties,  
17 two dollars per day for subsistence and six cents  
18 per mile for travel. The whole expenses under  
19 this section not to exceed \$1,400 annually.

SECT. 4. The board shall appoint a secretary as  
2 its chief executive officer for a term of three years  
3 and until his successor shall be appointed, and may  
4 prescribe his duties, a part of which shall be to

5 acquaint himself, by personal observation, investi-  
6 gation, and correspondence with the methods and  
7 wants of practical husbandry, the means of fertili-  
8 zation, the adaptation of various products to the  
9 soils and climate of Maine; also with the progress  
10 of scientific and practical agriculture elsewhere,  
11 with a view to a more complete development of the  
12 natural resources of the state. He shall annually,  
13 on or before the third Wednesday in January,  
14 present to the governor and council a report of the  
15 doings of the board and the results of his own  
16 labors and investigations, together with such com-  
17 munications, suggestions and recommendations as  
18 may be useful. Ten thousand copies of said re-  
19 port, in size not exceeding two hundred pages,  
20 shall be printed: nine thousand bound in paper  
21 covers, one thousand in cloth, one-half of those in  
22 paper covers for the use of the legislature, and the  
23 remainder (after reserving a suitable number for  
24 foreign exchanges,) for distribution under the  
25 direction of the board, among the agricultural asso-  
26 ciations and the people of the state.

SECT. 5. The compensation of the secretary shall  
2 be eight hundred dollars per annum and reimburs-  
3 ment for necessary expenses incurred in the dis-  
4 charge of his duties, an account thereof to be first

5 audited by the governor and council. The secretary  
6 shall be an ex-officio member of the board of  
7 trustees of the state college of agriculture and  
8 the mechanic arts, also of the board of commis-  
9 sioners provided for in section fifty of chapter  
10 fourteen of revised statutes, relative to contagious  
11 diseases in cattle.

SECT. 6. Such portions of sections one to six in-  
2 clusive of chapter fifty-eight, revised statutes, and  
3 all other acts and parts of acts inconsistent with  
4 this act are hereby repealed.

SECT. 7. This act shall take effect when approved.

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In HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
February 26, 1880. }

Reported by Mr. STEWARD from Committee on Agriculture,  
and ordered printed under rule.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*