

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Sixth Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 43.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED
AND NINETY-THREE.

AN ACT to amend the Charter of the East Maine Conference Seminary.

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

SECTION 1. That all the powers, rights and privileges
2 which in the act incorporating the East Maine Conference
3 Seminary, passed by the legislature of Maine, in 1850,
4 were given to and conferred upon the trustees, together
5 with all property of every kind and name now held by the
6 East Maine Conference Seminary, be and hereby are
7 transferred to a board of trustees to be appointed accord-
8 ing to the provisions of this act ; and said board shall hold
9 the same for the uses and purposes hereinafter set forth.

SECT. 2. And be it further enacted that the board of
2 trustees and their successors in office shall be the regular
3 and lawful successors of the persons named in the first

4 section of the original act, and shall constitute the cor-
5 poration and body politic known heretofore by the name
6 and style of the East Maine Conference Seminary, for
7 the sole purpose of maintaining and conducting a semi-
8 nary in the town of Bucksport of as high an order and
9 having as many departments as the said corporation shall
10 deem proper; to be called the East Maine Conference
11 Seminary of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and by
12 that name shall be and hereby are made capable in law,
13 to purchase, have, hold, receive and enjoy estate, real,
14 personal and mixed of every kind and nature whatsoever,
15 to such an amount as may be necessary for the purposes
16 of said corporation; and the same to give, grant, sell,
17 convey, manage and dispose of at pleasure; to sue and
18 be sued, defend and be defended in all courts; also to
19 make and use a seal at will; to elect a president, faculty,
20 and other instructors of said institution of learning; to
21 establish and execute such by-laws and regulations as to
22 them shall seem necessary or convenient for the discipline
23 and instruction of the students of said institution; not
24 being contrary to the laws of this State; and generally
25 to transact all business tending to promote the prosperity
26 and usefulness of said institution, subject to the conditions
37 and limitations hereinafter provided.

SECT. 3. And be it further enacted that the whole
2 number of the board of trustees shall not at any time
3 exceed thirty-one. The president of the institution shall
4 be, *ex-officio*, one of the number. The East Maine Con-
5 ference of the Methodist Episcopal church shall have the
6 right to elect fifteen trustees as hereinafter provided.
7 The trustees shall have the right to elect the remainder,

8 not to exceed fifteen; the election shall be, in all cases,
9 by ballot, provided that, at all times, two-thirds of the
10 trustees, the president and a majority of the faculty shall
11 be members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

SECT. 4. And be it further enacted that at each session
2 of the East Maine Annual Conference of the Methodist
3 Episcopal church its members may elect three trustees and
4 the board of trustees shall determine to which class of its
5 body trustees so elected shall be assigned.

SECT. 5. And be it further enacted that thirteen trus-
2 tees shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of ordi-
3 nary business; but the concurring vote of at least two-
4 thirds of all the trustees shall be necessary for the sale of
5 real estate.

SECT. 6. And be it further enacted that any and all
2 funds of the institution designated as endowment or per-
3 manent funds, and all donations the incomes of which are
4 or may be designated to be used for the annual expenses
5 of said institution, shall not be pledged, mortgaged or in
6 any other manner disposed of by any person for the pur-
7 pose of paying the current expenses of said institution,
8 or for borrowing money to pay the same.

SECT. 7. And be it further enacted that this amended
2 charter be submitted to the board of trustees at their
3 next meeting after the passage of this act; and imme-
4 diately on approval they shall proceed to resolve the mem-
5 bers as equally as possible into five classes; the seats of
6 the first class shall be vacated at the end of the first year;
7 of the second class at the end of the second year; of the
8 third class at the end of the third year; of the fourth
9 class at the end of the fourth year; of the fifth class at

10 the end of the fifth year, so that one class may be chosen
11 every year.

SECT. 8. All acts and parts of acts previously incor-
2 porating the East Maine Conference Seminary and incon-
3 sistent with this amendment are hereby repealed ; but this
4 amendment shall not be construed to lessen or take away
5 any of the powers and privileges heretofore conferred on
6 the said institution.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 10, 1893.

Reported by Mr. SPOFFORD, from Committee on Legal Affairs, and
laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary.*