

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Sixth Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 72.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to legalize and make valid the doings of Gorham
Library Association, and enable it to become a Free Public
Library.

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

SECTION 1. The acts and doings of the Gorham Library
2 Association in its organization, its meetings, election of
3 officers and records, in acquiring and selling and convey-
4 ing real estate, and all other proceedings, not contrary to
5 the laws of the State, are hereby confirmed and made
6 valid, notwithstanding any informalities in its past pro-
7 ceedings and records.

SECT. 2. All the powers, immunities, franchises, pro-
2 perty and affairs of said Gorham Library Association shall

3 hereafter perpetually be held, exercised, managed and
4 governed by a permanent board to be styled the Trustees
5 of Gorham Library Association, and said corporate pro-
6 perty shall be used, improved and applied for a free public
7 library for the citizens of the town of Gorham, and shall
8 be forever exempt from liability to be taken by said town
9 from the management, direction and custody of said board
10 of trustees.

SECT. 3. Said board of trustees shall consist of not less
2 than nine nor more than fifteen members, two thirds of
3 whom, at least, shall be citizens of said town of Gorham,
4 and shall in the first instance be composed of the follow-
5 ing persons: John A. Waterman, George W. Reynolds,
6 Edward C. Strout, Charles K. Hinkley, Frederick Robie,
7 Stephen Hinkley, Mary F. R. McQuillan, Alice McKenney,
8 George B. Emery, Lewis McLellan, Mary E. Waterman,
9 Lucian Hunt, Sarah H. Warren, W. P. F. Robie and
10 Mary B. Clarke. All vacancies in the board shall be
11 filled by the remaining members, by ballot, and a two
12 thirds vote of all the members shall be requisite for a
13 choice.

SECT. 4. The board of trustees may make and adopt
2 such by-laws, and such rules and regulations relative to
3 management of their business, the protection and preser-
4 vation of the property of the corporation, and other
5 property, if any, intrusted to it, and the conduct of its
6 library, not inconsistent with the laws of the State, as
7 they may deem expedient; and in pursuance thereof may

8 establish fines and penalties for the injury, destruction,
9 detention and loss of books and other property of the
10 corporation, against persons causing the same, and collect
11 such fines, penalties, or damages by suits at law, of such
12 persons, or in case of minors, of their parents or guar-
13 dians.

SECT. 5. Said corporation shall have a common seal,
2 and may take and hold by purchase, gifts, devise or
3 bequest personal and real estate in all not exceeding one
4 hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000), owned at any one
5 time, and may use and dispose thereof only for the pur-
6 poses for which the corporation was created; but all gifts,
7 devises and bequests shall be held and used only in accord-
8 ance with, and subject to the terms, conditions and restric-
9 tions imposed by the donors thereof.

SECT. 6. This act shall take effect when approved by
2 the governor and duly accepted by said Gorham Library
3 Association.

STATE OF MAINE.

SENATE, February 21, 1893.

Reported in the House, from Committee on the Judiciary.

In Senate, laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary.*