

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Sixth Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 137.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to Incorporate the Maine Sportsmen's Fish and
Game Association.

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

SECTION 1. E. C. Farrington, L. S. Chilcott, E. E.
2 Newcomb, J. A. Fairbanks, C. M. Jones, H. N. Fair-
3 banks, W. Scott Choate, Geo. H. Fisher, F. L. Hoyt,
4 James W. North, C. A. Ogden, Jesse M. Libby, Henry
5 O. Stanley, P. B. Guptill, E. B. Stickney, A. R. Jen-
6 ness, Sumner J. Chadbourne, W. F. Todd, C. L. Spauld-
7 ing, Leroy T. Carlton, W. E. Miller, B. B. Wentworth,
8 Frank Cunningham, W. H. Harris, Harry R. Virgin,
9 Edwin F. Field, John W. Church, Joseph E. Alexander,
10 Geo. G. Gifford, Joseph F. Bodwell, John F. Hill, John
11 W. Berry, John T. Richards, E. W. Gould, Joseph A.
12 Spencer, William H. Simmonds, H. F. Willey, Eugene

13 Hersey, H. M. Heath, M. B. Spinney, Charles Corliss,
14 J. Manchester Haynes, Isaac J. Mead, William P. White-
15 house, A. M. Spear, Oscar H. Hersey, R. F. Duncon,
16 Benj. F. Chadbourne, Fred Blake, T. W. Vose, F. E.
17 Timberlake, Albert Thompson, Oscar Blackington, E.
18 W. Palmer, E. E. Hastings, Frank Webber, Wm. P.
19 Blake, W. T. Haines, Nathaniel Meader, W. W. Edwards,
20 Jessie Stinson, P. S. Heald, F. C. Thayer, W. E. Blake,
21 Charles Simmons, S. F. Brown, Charles A. Marston, S.
22 J. Walton, P. T. Sawyer, E. T. Wyman, F. E. Hitch-
23 cock, Charles C. Haselton, Frederick Appleton, W. H.
24 Wildes, Frederick A. Powers, Randall C. Noyes, Bela
25 L. Fowles, Joseph C. Holman, Edwin C. Burleigh,
26 Charles B. Caldwell, Charles E. Littlefield, Albert R.
27 Savage, Charles Cushman, E. J. Cram, Byron Boyd,
28 Joseph B. Peakes, T. B. Davis, J. F. Sprague, Llewellyn
29 Powers, Geo. B. Dunn, F. F. Innis, Don. A. H. Powers,
30 Wm. C. Donald, A. L. Lumbert, I. H. Page, J. K. Ames,
31 J. H. Bailey, S. N. Holway, H. M. Leighton, Frank W.
32 Sawyer, F. L. Talbert, Austin Harris, Wm. M. Nash, S. N.
33 Campbell, Wm. R. Allan, Newell Rumery, Davis W. Rol-
34 lins, Jr., Abel D. Russell, F. Marion Simpson, Fred Atwood,
35 Edmund B. Mallet, Jr., O. A. Dennen, Daniel F. Davis,
36 together with their associates and successors, all citizens
37 of the State of Maine, by and hereby are constituted a
38 body corporate and politic by the name of the Maine
39 Sportsmen's Fish and Game Association, for the purpose
40 of assisting in the preservation of our forests and the
41 prevention of forest fires, in the protection of the fur,
42 fish and game of the State, in their propagation and in
43 the enforcement of the fur, fish and game laws; in the

44 publishing and distributing of valuable information for
45 the benefit of all classes of our citizens, so that they will
46 become better qualified to judge and understand their
47 rights and wants, thereby securing their sympathy and
48 confidence, for the purpose of aiding the State in the
49 enforcement of the laws relating thereto; to have and
50 use a seal; to make and enforce by-laws for the manage-
51 ment of its financial and other affairs, not inconsistent
52 with the laws of the State.

SECT. 2. The first meeting of the association to be held
2 in Augusta, Me., for organization, and may be called by
3 any five of the corporators, on written notice to all of
4 the other corporators and associates, stating the time and
5 place of meeting, five days at least before the day named
6 therefor.

The annual meetings of the years of the session of the
8 Legislature shall be held in Augusta, Maine, on the first
9 Tuesday of January, for the election of officers, which
10 shall be by ballot, and for the transaction of all other bus-
11 iness that may properly come before the meeting; (other
12 meetings to be provided for in the by-laws;) the off
13 years in Bangor, Maine, or otherwise, as a majority of
14 the association may determine.

SECT. 3. The capital stock of said association shall be
2 twenty-five thousand dollars, divided into shares of ten
3 dollars each, said capital stock may be increased by vote
4 of the association.

SECT. 4. This association may acquire, take by pur-
2 chase, gift, grant or otherwise, real and personal property,
3 to hold and improve the same; occupy any lands for the
4 use of the association, owned by the State, by gift from

5 or by lease, as the governor and council may determine ;
6 such property of the association as is used for, or the pro-
7 ceeds of, expended for the protection and propagation of
8 fur, fish and game, shall be fixed at one dollar per year.

SECT. 5. The association shall have the power to pros-
2 ecute and defend suits at law, construct hatcheries for
3 the propagation of both shore and inland fish and with
4 the consent and under the supervision of the fish and
5 game commissioners of the State, construct dams and
6 fishways, screen outlets leading to large rivers to prevent
7 the sluicing of fish from waters that are being stocked
8 with fish, to provide suitable grounds, erect buildings
9 for the use of the association, establish safe and perma-
10 nent gun, rifle and revolver ranges for the practice of
11 both military and sporting arms.

SECT. 6. Said association may issue bonds for the con-
2 struction of its works upon such rates, terms and time as
3 it may deem proper and expedient, not exceeding in
4 amount its capital stock, and secure the same by mortgage
5 on property of the association.

SECT. 7. No stockholder of the association, his family,
2 relatives or all combined, shall hold stock and bonds in
3 amount exceeding one one-hundredth part of the entire
4 issue, except the one share each of stock that constitutes
5 the membership fee, and any stock and bonds in excess
6 of the said amount is hereby forfeited to the association.

SECT. 8. The governor and council may each year ap-
2 point one member of the associations board of directors,
3 from the then existing members of the council.

SECT. 9. The membership fee of the association shall
2 be the subscribing and paying for one share of the capital

3 stock of the association, the par value of which shall be
4 ten dollars. All stock subscribed and paid for by mem-
5 bers, shall be held in trust by the association, and for-
6 feited to the association on failure of payment of the
7 annual dues, which shall not exceed five dollars for each
8 year; *provided, however*, that the failure to pay the
9 annual dues shall not work a forfeiture of the stock, if
10 said dues are paid on or before the date of the annual
11 meeting of the association.

SECT. 10. Whenever the association fails to maintain
2 its organization for the purposes set forth in its charter,
3 the properties of said association shall be forfeited to the
4 State, except so much thereof as is represented by the
5 par value of the capital stock owned by such members as
6 are in good standing in the association; and the governor
7 and council is hereby empowered with authority to pro-
8 ceed upon investigation, against the property of the
9 association, disposing of the same, and paying to the
10 members in good standing, as above set forth, and turn-
11 ing over the excess of all moneys to the State treasury,
12 to be credited to the appropriation for the use of the fish
13 and game commissioners of the State.

SECT. 11. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, March 8, 1893.

Reported in the House, from Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game.
In Senate, laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary*.