

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Seventh Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 168.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to utilize and protect certain property ordained
for pious uses the legal custodian of which is unknown.

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

Where any property in this state dedicated and ordained
2 for pious uses, has no proper or legal custodian, so that it
3 is becoming wasted and the utility thereof is lost, upon
4 the application of any person or religious society interested
5 in having such property preserved and applied to the uses
6 for which it was originally intended, the Attorney General
7 shall file a bill in equity, in the nature of an information,
8 against such property and all persons interested therein,
9 praying for the appointment of trustees to care for such
10 property and for the proper application and disposition

11 thereof, and the court may order such notice as seems
12 proper, and may appoint receivers or trustees therefor,
13 and upon final decree, may order the care, custody, sale,
14 application or disposal of such property as will best serve
15 the purposes for which it was originally intended. The
16 court may convey or transfer such property to any
17 religious body to be held and applied for the purposes of
18 such trust as the court may declare; and it shall have full
19 power to treat, care for, and dispose of the same in
20 furtherance of such pious uses as may seem best suited to
21 the case and situation.

STATE OF MAINE,

IN SENATE, February 28, 1895.

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

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary*.