

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Sixty-Eighth Legislature.

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SENATE.

No. 101.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT establishing the Maine School for the Deaf.

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

Section 1. The Maine School for the Deaf is hereby  
2 established to be devoted to the education and instruction  
3 of deaf and dumb children.

Sect. 2. Said school shall be located at Portland in the  
2 county of Cumberland and the governor and council are  
3 hereby authorized, on behalf of the State, to accept a con-  
4 veyance from the city of Portland of the school lot, build-  
5 ing and fixtures now used as a school for the deaf in said  
6 Portland upon the condition that the State shall hereafter  
7 assume the entire charge, responsibility and expense of  
8 maintaining said school.

Sect. 3. The government of said school is hereby vested  
2 in a board of five trustees, to be appointed by the governor  
3 with the advice and consent of the council to hold office for  
4 a term of five years except, however, that the trustees first  
5 appointed shall hold office one for one year, one for two  
6 years, one for three years, one for four years and one for  
7 five years.

Sect. 4. The trustees shall have charge of the general  
2 interests of the school and see that its affairs are conducted  
3 in accordance with law and such by-laws as they may adopt;  
4 they may adopt by-laws which shall be valid when san-  
5 tioned by the governor and council; they may employ a  
6 principal, and such teachers and other employees as they  
7 may deem advisable and fix the compensation of the same  
8 subject to the approval of the governor and council; they  
9 may from time to time prescribe the system of education  
10 and course of study to be pursued in the school and shall be  
11 allowed for their services their actual expenses and two  
12 dollars a day when actually employed.

Sect. 5. With the consent of its parent or guardian, the  
2 trustees may admit to said school for a term not exceeding  
3 twelve years, any deaf or dumb child residing in this State  
4 and not less than five years of age, who shall not be with-  
5 drawn or discharged from said school, except with the con-  
6 sent of the trustees or the governor and council, and the  
7 sums necessary for the support and instruction of such chil-  
8 dren while attending said school, shall be paid by the State.

Sect. 6. Deaf and dumb children residing in other states,  
2 may at the discretion of the trustees, be admitted to said  
3 school upon the payment by their parents or guardian of a  
4 reasonable compensation to be fixed by the trustees.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, February 24, 1897.

Reported by Mr. WALLS, from Committee on Education, and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

**KENDALL M. DUNBAR, Secretary.**