

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Seventieth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 421

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND ONE.

AN ACT to amend chapter eighty-one of the Public Laws of
eighteen hundred and ninety-five, relating to certain prop-
erty 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 :*

Chapter 81 of the Public Laws of 1895 is hereby
2 amended by inserting after the word "person," in the
3 fourth line, the word 'patriotic;' also after the word
4 "intended," in the sixth line, the words 'or for some pub-
5 lic or patriotic purpose;' also after the word "intended"
6 in the fifteenth line, the words 'or some public or patriotic
7 purpose;' also after the word "religious," in the sixteenth
8 line, the words 'or patriotic;' also in the nineteenth line,
9 after the word "pious," the words 'public or patriotic ;
10 so that when amended, the chapter shall read as follows :

‘Where any property in this state dedicated and ordained
12 for pious uses, has no proper or legal custodian, so that it
13 is becoming wasted and the utility thereof is lost, upon the
14 application of any person, patriotic or religious society
15 interested in having such property preserved and applied
16 to the uses for which it was originally intended, or for
17 some public or patriotic purpose, the attorney general shall
18 file a bill in equity, in the nature of an information, against
19 such property and all persons interested therein, praying
20 for the appointment of trustees to care for such property
21 and for the proper application and disposition thereof, and
22 the court may order such notice as seems proper, and may
23 appoint receivers or trustees therefor, and upon final
24 decree, may order the care, custody, sale, application or
25 disposal of such property as will best serve the purposes
26 for which it was originally intended, or some public or
27 patriotic purpose. The court may convey or transfer such
28 property to any religious or patriotic society, to be held
29 and applied for the purposes of such trust as the court
30 may declare; and it shall have full power to treat, care
31 for and dispose of the same in furtherance of such pious or
32 patriotic uses as may seem best suited to the case and
33 situation.’

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, March 14, 1901.

Reported by Mr. ALLAN of Portland, from Committee on Legal
Affairs, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*