

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Seventieth Legislature.

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SENATE.

No. 104

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to incorporate the Masonic Trustees of Fairfield.

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

Section 1. Stephen A. Nye, Flavius E. McFadden,  
2 Jewett Pratt, Frank J. Savage and George E. Wilson, and  
3 their successors, are hereby created a corporation by the  
4 name of the Masonic Trustees of Fairfield, for the purpose  
5 of leasing, fitting up, furnishing and managing halls and  
6 other apartments for the use of the different masonic  
7 bodies in Fairfield, and for that purpose may borrow  
8 money if they deem it necessary. And said corporation  
9 may receive, by gift, grant, purchase or otherwise, and  
10 may hold real estate, and personal estate, and property,  
11 to an amount not exceeding in value fifty thousand dol-

12 lars ; and for the purpose of acquiring and holding such  
13 real and personal estate and property, may issue its bonds  
14 to an amount not exceeding forty thousand dollars, bear-  
15 ing interest at a rate not exceeding six per centum per  
16 annum.

Sect. 2. Said Nye and McFadden shall hold their  
2 offices until the first day of January, A. D. nineteen hun-  
3 dred and two, and the remaining corporators until the first  
4 day of January, A. D. nineteen hundred and three. The  
5 place of each trustee shall be filled by election by ballot,  
6 by the body which he represents in said board. The  
7 elections, except to fill vacancies, shall be for two years,  
8 so that one-half of said board, as near as may be, shall go  
9 out of office on the first day of January, annually ; at the  
10 first meeting of said board after the first day of January,  
11 annually, the board shall determine who have been legally  
12 elected members thereof in the place of those whose terms  
13 have then expired, and their determination shall be final ;  
14 vacancies occurring at any other times shall be filled in  
15 like manner.

Sect. 3. Said trustees shall annually choose a chairman  
2 and secretary, and such other officers as may be deemed  
3 necessary, and make by-laws for their own government,  
4 and the orderly conduct of their affairs, not inconsistent  
5 with the laws of the state. The secretary shall be sworn  
6 to the faithful discharge of his duties, and shall keep a  
7 record of the proceedings of the board.

Sect. 4. Said trustees are empowered to build, take  
2 leases, effect insurance on, and manage property as they  
3 deem most for the interest of all concerned ; they shall  
4 hold the furniture, fixtures and other personal property

5 in trust, for the bodies furnishing the means to buy them,  
6 in proportion to the amount furnished by each body ;  
7 shall issue certificates to each body showing the amount  
8 furnished by it, and in making up the quarterly expenses  
9 shall add such a rate per cent per quarter upon the amount  
10 furnished as they may judge reasonable, taking into account  
11 the wear and deterioration of the property, and shall credit  
12 each body on its share of the quarterly expenses the same  
13 per cent upon the amount of the certificate held by it.  
14 Said trustees are further authorized to receive by gift,  
15 grant, or otherwise, money, bonds or property, the same  
16 to be used as indicated, by will or otherwise, for the pur-  
17 pose of purchasing, repairing or keeping in repair, burial  
18 lots of deceased members of the masonic fraternity.

Sect. 5. The trustees may allow other masonic bodies  
2 not represented on the board such use of the halls, and on  
3 such terms as may be deemed reasonable ; and whenever  
4 any other body desires to be represented upon said board,  
5 its representative may be admitted by vote of the board ;  
6 after being once admitted, it shall have the same rights as  
7 those originally represented, and its representative  
8 become a member of the corporation.

Sect. 6. The trustees shall quarterly apportion the  
2 rent and other expenses among the bodies represented on  
3 the board, in such manner as they may deem just.

Sect. 7. Whenever the trustees deem it just they shall  
2 reapportion the certificates among all the bodies using the  
3 hall and desiring to hold such certificates, and issue new  
4 certificates upon such adjustment as they shall deem to  
5 be proper.

Sect. 8. Stephen A. Nye or Flavius E. McFadden  
2 may call the first meeting of said corporation by giving  
3 each trustee, or leaving at his usual place of business or  
4 residence, a written or printed notice of the time and  
5 place of meeting, two days at least before the time fixed.

Sect. 9. This act shall take effect when approved.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, March 7, 1901.

Reported by Mr. WEEKS from Committee on the Judiciary, and laid  
on the table to be printed under joint rules.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary*.