

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 690

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C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to incorporate the Young Men's Christian Associa-
tions and the Young Women's Christian Associations organ-
ized or to be organized in this State.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Section 1. Whenever any number of persons, residents
2 of the state of Maine, and not less than ten in number, shall
3 desire to organize a Young Men's Christian Association or
4 a Young Women's Christian Association for the support and
5 maintenance of lectures, sermons, libraries, reading rooms,
6 social and religious meetings and the moral and physical
7 improvement of the youths, young men and young women of
8 any county of this state, such persons shall make, sign and
9 acknowledge before any officer having a seal and authorized

10 to take the acknowledgment of deeds in this state, and file
11 in the office of the secretary of state and the office of the
12 register of deeds in the county in which such association
13 shall be located, a certificate in writing, in which shall be
14 stated the name of the association, the objects for which it
15 is formed, the number of directors and the names of the
16 directors selected for the management of the business and
17 prudential concerns for the first year of its existence. Upon
18 complying with the foregoing conditions, any such associa-
19 tion shall be and become a corporation fully organized for
20 the purpose of carrying out the objects of its organization.

Sect. 2. Any corporation formed under the provisions of
2 this act shall have and possess all rights, powers and privi-
3 leges given to corporations by the common law, to sue and
4 be sued, to borrow money and secure the payment of the
5 same by notes, bonds and mortgages, upon their personal
6 and real property, and to rent, lease, purchase, hold, sell
7 and convey such personal and real property as may be nec-
8 essary and proper for the purpose of erecting buildings and
9 for other proper objects of any such corporation. Such
10 corporation shall have the power to accept bequests and
11 donations of real estate and personal property, and to hold
12 the same, and to use the income and profits.

Sect. 3. The incorporators of any such association shall,
2 within thirty days after the filing of the articles of incorpo-
3 ration, as herein provided, meet and elect trustees, who shall
4 hold their offices for one year and until their successors are

5 elected and qualified. The title to all real estate and per-
6 sonal property owned by such association shall vest in said
7 trustees, and said trustees shall have the possession, control
8 and care of all the real and personal estate of such corpo-
9 ration. Said trustees shall execute all conveyances, leases,
10 bonds and other obligations of said association, and which
11 they shall be ordered, authorized and directed to execute by
12 the board of directors of said association. Said trustees
13 shall be responsible for the safe keeping of the real and
14 personal estate of said association and for the care and pro-
15 tection thereof, and may, if the board of directors deem it
16 necessary, be required to give bonds in such amounts as
17 fixed by the board of directors. Any Young Men's Chris-
18 tian Association or Young Women's Christian Association
19 heretofore organized now owning or holding real estate may
20 accept the provisions of this act by a vote of two-thirds of
21 the board of directors, trustees, or other governing body of
22 said association, and upon the acceptance of this act all the
23 real and personal estate of such association shall immedi-
24 ately become vested in the trustees elected under the pro-
25 visions of this act. Upon every election of trustees as afore-
26 said, such association shall cause a certificate of said elec-
27 tion containing the names of said trustees and the date of
28 their election to be filed and recorded in the office of the
29 recorder of said county where said association is located.
30 But no failure on the part of said association or the directors
31 thereof to elect trustees shall vacate the office of any trustee
32 heretofore elected.

Sect. 4. Such corporation shall elect directors from the
2 members thereof at such times and places, and for such
3 periods as may be provided by the by-laws, and they shall
4 have the management and control of the affairs of the asso-
5 ciation. Said directors shall have the right to adopt a con-
6 stitution and all necessary by-laws for the direction and
7 regulation of the affairs of such association, and to provide
8 how the same may be changed and amended.

Sect. 5. No such corporation shall declare a dividend or
2 make any distribution of its corporate property or earnings,
3 nor shall it be allowed to engage in any business or enter-
4 prise, other than the work of said association, but the whole
5 income and revenue of such corporation shall be expended
6 in carrying out the objects of its formation.

Sect. 6. The organization, acts and proceedings of any
2 Young Men's Christian Association or Young Women's
3 Christian Association heretofore organized under any law
4 of this state is and the same are hereby legalized and made
5 valid, and said associations declared to be legally and regu-
6 larly incorporated, but nothing in this act shall affect pend-
7 ing litigation, but the same shall be determined the same as
8 if this act had not been passed.

Sect. 7. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with the
2 provisions of this act are hereby repealed.