

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 53

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*W. R. ROIX, Clerk.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to incorporate Sweetser Orphan Asylum.

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

Section 1. That Lindley M. Binford, Edmund E. Blake,  
2 Frank C. Deering, Harry P. Garland, Walter T. Goodale,  
3 all of Saco, in the County of York and State of Maine; Cor-  
4 nelius Horigan of Biddeford in said County of York and  
5 Charles H. Prescott of said Saco and their associates and  
6 successors, be and they hereby are constituted a body pol-  
7 itic and corporate, by the name of SWEETSER ORPHAN  
8 ASYLUM, for the foundation, maintenance and support,  
9 under the provisions of the will of Cornelius Sweetser, late  
10 of Saco, in the County of York and State of Maine of an

11 Orphan Asylum in said Saco for the maintenance and edu-  
12 cation of poor orphan and motherless children whose par-  
13 ents resided in said York County at the time of their death  
14 and such other orphan or motherless children as the funds  
15 of said Asylum may allow and the Trustees of said Asy-  
16 lum may deem best to admit, those belonging in said York  
17 County, as aforesaid, having the preference, other things  
18 being equal.

Sect. 2. Said corporation shall have power to prosecute  
2 and defend suits at law or in equity; to have and use a cor-  
3 porate seal; to have and make by-laws and regulations to  
4 carry out the purposes of this corporation, and shall be vest-  
5 ed with all the powers and privileges and be subject to all  
6 the liabilities by law incident to corporations of a similar  
7 nature.

Sect. 3. Said corporation may, for the purposes of the  
2 corporation, acquire, take and hold by deed, gift, bequest,  
3 devise or otherwise, real and personal property, not exceed-  
4 ing at any one time \$500,000 in value, with full power to  
5 manage and dispose of the same.

Sect. 4. Said corporation is hereby authorized to have the  
2 care, custody and control of all children received into said  
3 Asylum as inmates thereof under such rules and regulations  
4 as the Trustees may from time to time adopt.

Sect. 5. Any child under the care, custody and control  
2 of said corporation may be placed out at service by said Cor-  
3 poration with any master or mistress by it deemed suitable,

4 and on such terms and conditions as it may deem reasonable,  
5 until such child, if a female, shall have arrived at eighteen  
6 years of age or be married, and, if male, shall have arrived  
7 at twenty-one years of age.

The Judge of Probate for the County of York may, upon  
9 the consent of said Corporation, without that of any other  
10 person whatsoever, make such decrees respecting the adop-  
11 tion of any such child as are in accordance with the provis-  
12 ions of Chapter 69 of the Revised Statutes, and may, upon  
13 the petition of said Corporation, appoint a guardian of any  
14 such child, in accordance with the provisions of said chap-  
15 ter.

Sect. 6. Said Corporation shall have a Governing Board of  
2 seven Trustees, a majority of whom shall be citizens of said  
3 Saco, who shall have full charge and management of the  
4 affairs of the Corporation. The first Board of Trustees  
5 shall be chosen by the Associates from their number and  
6 thereafterwards in such manner and for such term of office  
7 as may be prescribed in the By-Laws.

Sect. 7. Said Corporation shall have a President of the  
2 Board, a Secretary, a Treasurer and such other officers and  
3 agents as the Trustees may from time to time determine.  
4 All of said officers shall be chosen in such manner and for  
5 such term of office and shall exercise such powers as may  
6 be prescribed in the By-Laws.

Sect. 8. Any two of the Associates named in this act may

2 call the first meeting of the Associates by personal notice  
3 delivered or mailed to each one of them at least seven days  
4 before the time of such meeting.