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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 485

House of Representatives, March 12, 1913.

On motion of Mr. Morison was taken from the table, re-tabled pending concurrent action with Senate, and ordered printed.

W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to incorporate the Trustees of the John B. Curtis
Free Public Library in Bradford.

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

Section 1. The three selectmen, the superintending school
2 committee, the superintendent of schools, the town clerk,
3 and the town treasurer of the town of Bradford in the
4 county of Penobscot and state of Maine, and their succes-
5 sors in said offices, and Horace K. Richardson, Roscoe N.
6 Doore, Frank E. Pickering, Lorenzo C. Vannah, William
7 F. Humphrey and Newell Randall, all of said Bradford,
8 and their successors, are hereby constituted a body corpo-

9 rate under the name of the Trustees of the John B. Curtis
10 Free Public Library in Bradford, with power to take, hold,
11 and manage real and personal estate to the amount not ex-
12 ceeding one hundred thousand dollars, for the purpose of
13 establishing and maintaining a free public library and read-
14 ing room in said Bradford, and by that name shall have
15 power to take, hold and manage all such gifts, grants, be-
16 quests and demises as shall be made to them for these pur-
17 poses. Said corporation shall have all the corporate pow-
18 ers given to like corporations by the Public Laws of Maine ;
19 and also to establish and execute such by-laws and regu-
20 lations as they shall judge necessary or convenient for the
21 proper management of their corporate affairs, not being
22 contrary to the laws of this state. The whole number of
23 the board of trustees shall not at any time exceed fifteen.

Sect. 2. And be it further enacted, that at the first meet-
2 ing of the trustees after the passage of this act they shall
3 proceed to resolve the six members last mentioned by name
4 into three classes of two members each; the seats of the
5 first class shall be vacated at the end of the second year;
6 of the second class at the end of the fourth year; and of
7 the third class at the end of the sixth year; they shall elect
8 one of their number president, who shall be the presiding
9 officer of the board of trustees, and a vice-president who
10 shall preside in the absence of the president, and a suitable
11 person as secretary of the board of trustees. The board
12 shall also elect three of their own body as an executive com-

13 mittee, and the trustees shall fix on the time for the reg-
14 ular meetings of the board, and on application of any five
15 of the trustees to the secretary it shall be his duty to ap-
16 point a special meeting of the board of trustees, of which
17 he shall give notice, by letter, to each of the members; and
18 at any meeting of the board seven members shall constitute
19 a quorum to do business. All vacancies in the three classes
20 of trustees, especially mentioned by name in the preceding
21 section, occurring from any cause whatsoever, shall be filled
22 by the board of trustees; and all elections, whether of trus-
23 tees or officers of the board, shall be in all cases by ballot;
24 and all financial matters involving receipts or expenditures
25 shall be audited by the executive committee.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

John B. Curtis of Deering (now Portland), in the county of Cumberland and State of Maine, having by his last will and testament declared it to be his earnest wish and desire that there be established in the town of Bradford in the county of Penobscot and State of Maine, a free public library to be for the use and benefit of the inhabitants of said town of Bradford, and especially for the advancement of non-sectarian education in said town of Bradford, and for this purpose having appointed Leander W. Fobes and Lamartine J. Fobes trustees by and under his said will, and having directed his said trustees to appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be used by his said trustees in such manner as will best accomplish this result; and having given his said trustees large discretion and authority as to the manner in which said library is to be established, organized and kept up, charging them, however, to be always mindful of his express direction that said library be in all things and at all times free from sectarian control and sectarian influence; and having especially willed and directed that his said trustees in establishing such library shall so provide that at no time shall the management thereof be under the control of any one sect, and that there shall never be any discrimination as to the use and privilege of such library in favor of or against any one on account of religious or political belief; therefor, for the faithful execution of said trust, according to the will of the liberal and enlightened donor, it is deemed expedient by the parties interested that the Legislature be asked to incorporate certain men as trustees of said fund.