

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

NO. 433

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*In Senate, Mar. 3, 1913.*

*Presented by Senator Cole of York, and on motion by same senator, laid on the table for printing, pending reference to a committee.*

*W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.*

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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 provide for the better supervision of certain  
Charitable and Benevolent Institutions.

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

Section 1. The governor with the advice and consent of  
2 the council shall appoint some suitable person to act under  
3 his direction to be known as Supervisor of Charities and  
4 Benevolences who shall have supervision over the expendi-  
5 ture of funds appropriated by the State for all charitable  
6 and benevolent corporations, institutions and associations  
7 not governed by a board of trustees appointed by the gov-  
8 ernor and council.

Sect. 2. It shall be the duty of the Supervisor of Charities

2 and Benevolences to visit all corporations, institutions and  
3 associations included under section one of this act at least  
4 once in four months and confer with the executive officers  
5 of such corporations, institutions and associations as may  
6 come under this act and inquire into the management of the  
7 same and the results being accomplished; he shall examine  
8 once a year all books, accounts and vouchers and audit the  
9 same.

Sect. 3. Every corporation, institution and association  
2 within the provisions of this act shall on or before the first  
3 day of November in each year make a detailed report to the  
4 Supervisor of Charities and Benevolences of all its income  
5 and expenditures and such other information as the Super-  
6 visor of Charities and Benevolences shall deem necessary,  
7 and in such form as he shall require.

Sect. 4. No corporation, institution, association or person  
2 shall solicit directly or indirectly any contributions of  
3 money or property for the benefit of any corporation, insti-  
4 tution, association or person doing business under any name  
5 and purporting to carry on charitable and benevolent work  
6 without first obtaining a certificate from the Supervisor of  
7 Charities and Benevolences that the object is a worthy one,  
8 provided that this section shall not apply to churches and  
9 educational institutions.

Sect. 5. No corporation, institution or association within  
2 the provisions of this act shall receive any appropriation  
3 until it has made its report as provided in section three, nor

4 unless at least two months prior to the meeting of the legis-  
5 lature it has filed with the Supervisor of Charities and  
6 Benevolences a statement of the amount it intends to ask  
7 for and the purposes for which such appropriation, if  
8 granted, will be expended.

Sect. 6. At all hearings before committees of the legisla-  
2 ture for the appropriation of money for the benefit of the  
3 corporations, institutions and associations specified in this  
4 act the State shall be represented by the Supervisor of  
5 Charities and Benevolences.

Sect. 7. There shall be deducted from the entire amount  
2 appropriated by the State for the benefit of such corpo-  
3 rations, institutions and associations as are included under  
4 this act the sum of three thousand dollars which shall be  
5 allowed the Supervisor of Charities and Benevolences as  
6 his salary and traveling expenses to be paid monthly, and  
7 the State auditor shall apportion said sum so deducted pro  
8 rata among all the corporations, institutions and associa-  
9 tions to be deducted from the amount appropriated for each  
10 one in proportion to the amount appropriated for the benefit  
11 of each one.

Sect. 8. The Supervisor of Charities and Benevolences  
2 shall make his annual report to the governor and council on  
3 or before January first in each year.