

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 17

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House of Representatives, Jan. 20, 1921.

Referred to Committee on Education and 1000 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Barwise of Bangor.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND  
NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-ONE

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AN ACT in Relation to the Selection of a Board of Trustees for the University of Maine, and to Create a Board of Overseers for Said University, and Making the University of Maine a State Institution.

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

Section 1. The University of Maine is hereby declared  
2 to be a state institution, but nothing herein shall be construed  
3 as affecting the nature of its corporate entity, or limiting its  
4 rights or powers under the law governing eleemosynary in-  
5 stitutions.

Sect. 2. The terms of office of the trustees of the Uni-  
2 versity of Maine who may be in office on July first, nineteen

3 hundred and twenty-two, shall terminate on that date

Sect. 3. Between the fifteenth and thirtieth days of June,  
2 nineteen hundred and twenty-two, the governor with the  
3 advice and consent of the council shall appoint nine per-  
4 sons as a board of trustees of the University of Maine, as  
5 follows: three for a term of one year, three for a term of  
6 two years, and three for a term of three years, whose terms  
7 of office shall begin on July first, nineteen hundred and  
8 twenty-two. Between the fifteenth and thirtieth days of  
9 June each year thereafter the governor shall appoint three  
10 trustees for a term of three years, whose terms of office  
11 shall begin on the first day of July following their appoint-  
12 ment.

Sect. 4. All trustees shall at the time of their appointment  
2 be residents of the state of Maine.

Sect. 5. Six members of the board of trustees first ap-  
2 pointed under this act shall be selected from a list of eight-  
3 een candidates submitted by the alumni of the university,  
4 and two members of each group of three appointed there-  
5 after shall be selected from a list of six candidates sub-  
6 mitted by the alumni of the university, as hereinafter pro-  
7 vided. If and when no list of candidates shall have been  
8 submitted by said alumni between the first and tenth days  
9 of June, nineteen hundred and twenty-two, and of each June  
10 thereafter between the first and tenth days thereof, the gov-  
11 ernor with the advice and consent of the council shall ap-

12 point suo motu in accordance with sections three and four  
13 of this act.

Sect. 6. The alumni of all the colleges of the university  
2 through such organization as they have effected, or may  
3 effect, shall hold a general election by mail during the month  
4 of May, nineteen hundred and twenty-two, for the selection  
5 of candidates for trustees to be submitted to the governor,  
6 and at this election the eighteen names receiving the largest  
7 number of votes shall be transmitted to the office of the  
8 governor, in affidavit sworn to by the persons holding the  
9 chief executive and clerical positions under the organization  
10 of alumni, between the first and tenth days of June. During  
11 the month of May each year thereafter in like manner the  
12 alumni shall select six candidates for trustees, and transmit  
13 their names in like manner between the first and tenth days  
14 of June following.

Sect. 7. Vacancies on the board of trustees by reason of  
2 resignation, removal from the state, death or disability, shall  
3 be filled by the governor, with the advice and consent of the  
4 council, but only for the periods of unexpired terms. If  
5 and when a vacancy occurs by the resignation, removal from  
6 the state, death or disability of a member of the board of  
7 trustees appointed from a list submitted by the alumni, such  
8 vacancy shall be filled from the same list of candidates as  
9 that which contained the name of the member whose va-  
10 cancy is to be filled.

Sect. 8. From the alumni of each college of the univer-

2 sity, the alumni of the whole university during the month  
3 of May, nineteen hundred and twenty-two, through such  
4 organization as they have effected, or may effect, shall select  
5 by a general election by mail five persons, who shall con-  
6 stitute a board of overseers for the University of Maine,  
7 whose duty it shall be to advise in writing from time to  
8 time the board of trustees as to the needs and management  
9 of the university. The acts and recommendations of the  
10 overseers shall be advisory only.

Sect. 9. At the election of the first board of overseers in  
2 May, nineteen hundred and twenty-two, the alumnus from  
3 each college receiving the largest number of votes shall be  
4 elected for a term of five years, the next largest for four  
5 years, the next for three years, the next for two years, and  
6 the next for one year. During the month of May in each  
7 year thereafter the alumni in like manner shall elect one  
8 member of the board of overseers, from the alumni of each  
9 college of the University of Maine, for the term of five  
10 years.

Sect. 10. The terms of office of the board of overseers  
2 first elected shall begin on June fifteenth, nineteen hundred  
3 and twenty-two, and the fifteenth of June of each year  
4 thereafter shall be the date on which the several terms of  
5 office of members of the board of overseers shall begin and  
6 end.

Sect. 11. All acts and parts of acts passed heretofore are  
2 hereby modified or repealed, in so far as they may be repug-  
3 nant to, or inconsistent with, the provisions of this act.