

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 187

In Senate, March 2, 1923.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary and five hundred copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

L. ERNEST THORNTON, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Speirs of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Establishing the Maine School for the Blind.

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

Section 1. The Maine school for the blind is hereby
2 established to be devoted to the education and instruction
3 of blind children.

Sect. 2. Said school shall be located at Portland, in the
2 county of Cumberland, and the governor and council are
3 hereby authorized, on behalf of the state, to accept a con-
4 veyance from the Maine institution for the blind of the
5 school lot, building and fixtures now used as a school for
6 the blind in said Portland also all its trust funds belonging
7 to said institution upon the condition that the state shall

8 hereafter assume the entire charge, responsibility and ex-
9 pense of maintaining said school, and said Maine institution
10 for the blind is hereby authorized to make such convey-
11 ance.

Sect. 3. The government of said school is hereby vested
2 in a board of five trustees, to be appointed by the governor
3 with the advice and consent of the council, to hold office
4 for a term of three years except, however, that the trustees
5 first appointed shall hold office, one for one year, two for
6 two years and two for three years.

Sect. 4. The trustees shall have charge of the general
2 interests of the school and see that its affairs are conducted
3 in accordance with law and such by-laws as they may
4 adopt; they may adopt by-laws which shall be valid when
5 sanctioned by the governor and council; they may employ
6 a principal and such teachers and other employes as they
7 may deem advisable, and fix the compensation of the same
8 subject to the approval of the governor and council; they
9 may from time to time prescribe the system of education
10 and course of study to be pursued in the school and shall
11 be allowed for their services their actual expenses and five
12 dollars a day when actually employed.

Sect. 5. With the consent of its parent or guardian, the
2 trustees may admit to said school for a term not exceeding
3 twelve years, any blind child residing in this state and not
4 less than five years of age, who shall not be withdrawn
5 or discharged from said school, except with the consent of

6 the trustees or the governor and council, and the sums
7 necessary for the support and instruction of such children
8 while attending said school, shall be paid by the state.

Sect. 6. **Blind children** residing in other states, may at
2 the discretion of the trustees, be admitted to said school
3 upon the payment by their parents or guardian of a reason-
4 able compensation to be fixed by the trustees.