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NEW DRAFT

EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 254

In Senate, March 19, 1923.

Reported by Mr. Brewster from Committee on Portland
Delegation and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

L. ERNEST THORNTON, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Provide for the Establishment of the Portland
Stadium and Athletic Field Commission.

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

Section 1. A commission, to be styled the Portland Sta-
dium and Athletic Field Commission, is hereby created.

Sect. 2. The said commission shall consist of five mem-
bers, including the mayor of the City of Portland ex-officio,
and four others, each of whom shall be appointed by the
mayor of the City of Portland. One of those first ap-
pointed shall continue in office one year, one for two, one
for three, and the other for four years. At the expiration
of each person's term of office, the same or another person

8 shall in like manner be appointed to serve for four years.
9 When a vacancy shall happen, another person shall in like
10 manner be appointed for the unexpired term.

Sect. 3. The mayor of the City of Portland shall be chair-
2 man of the said commission, ex-officio. The members of
3 the said commission shall serve without compensation, and
4 from their own number, elect a secretary and other neces-
5 sary officers to serve for one year, or until their successors
6 are elected. The said commission shall have power to adopt
7 rules of procedure and prescribe regulations for the con-
8 duct of all business within its jurisdiction. A majority of
9 the membership of the said commission shall constitute a
10 quorum.

Sect. 4. The said commission shall have power to lay
2 out and construct, and to hold, manage, control, lease or
3 let, for the purposes of high school and other athletics and
4 other public events, an athletic field together with bleachers,
5 grand-stands, stadium, locker-houses and other like equip-
6 ment; and to receive, hold in trust and expend for the laying
7 out, construction, improvement and enlargement of such
8 athletic field, bleachers, grand-stands, stadium, locker-houses
9 and other like equipment, such gifts and contributions as
10 may from time to time be made to it.

Sect. 5. The revenue derived from the leasing or letting
2 of said land and facilities shall be devoted to the following
3 uses and purposes:

First: To the up-keep and maintenance of said land, in-

cluding the improvements and structures thereon.

Second: To the improvements, extension, and enlargement of said grounds and structures and for the construction of additional facilities for the purposes recited in section four and for the development and encouragement of community interests requiring such grounds and facilities.

Sect. 6. The city council may, by ordinance from time to time hereafter, permit the Portland Stadium and Athletic Field Commission to have the permanent use of any lands now held by the city or hereafter acquired by it by gift, devise, purchase, lease or license, and said city council may also, by ordinance or otherwise, transfer from the care of the Park Commission or Recreation Commission, or both, to the permanent charge, custody and control of the Portland Stadium and Athletic Field Commission any land adaptable for the purposes of the said Portland Stadium and Athletic Field Commission and by such ordinances determine the time, terms and conditions of said transfer.

Sect. 7. This act shall not limit or affect in any way the authority conferred by law upon the park commission of said city to lay out and improve the public parks, promenades, squares, cemeteries and public grounds in said city, nor shall it apply to any land acquired by the city by gift, devise, purchase or otherwise for park purposes.

Sect. 8. The City of Portland is hereby authorized and empowered to assist in the underdraining, grading, leveling, and surfacing of said grounds but shall not appropriate

4 money for any other improvements upon said grounds.

Sect. 9. The Portland Stadium and Athletic Field Com-
2 mission shall annually make a report of its proceedings to
3 the city council.

Sect. 10. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith
2 are hereby repealed.