

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE**

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**SENATE**

**NO. 304**

In Senate, March 29, 1923.

Reported by Mr. Allen from Committee on Education and  
laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

L. ERNEST THORNTON, Secretary.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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

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**AN ACT Establishing the University of Maine as a State  
Institution.**

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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, and is established to exercise all  
3 the powers and functions of the college originally estab-  
4 lished as the state college of agriculture and mechanic arts.  
5 And the trustees of said University of Maine are hereby  
6 authorized and directed to transfer and convey to the state  
7 of Maine by the fifteenth day of July, nineteen hundred  
8 twenty-three, all property, real and personal, including trust  
9 funds, accounts due and other assets and rights of said

10 uiversity upon condition, however, that the state of Maine  
11 assumes and agrees to pay all legal obligations of said Uni-  
12 versity of Maine, including all promissory notes and other  
13 indebtedness outstanding at the time of such transfer.

Sect. 2. The term of office of the present board of  
2 trustees of the University of Maine shall expire on the  
3 first day of August, nineteen hundred twenty-three, and  
4 thereafter the government of said University shall be vested  
5 in a board of trustees consisting of nine inhabitants of the  
6 state, eight of whom shall be appointed by the governor,  
7 with the advice and consent of the council, for a term of  
8 four years, except however, that the trustees first appointed  
9 shall hold office, two for one year, two for two years, two  
10 for three years and two for four years, and all vacancies  
11 shall be filled in like manner for the remainder of the un-  
12 expired term. The governor shall nominate not less than  
13 four of the present board of trustees as members of the  
14 new board authorized by this section. Said trustees shall  
15 be removable by the governor and council for cause. The  
16 state commissioner of education shall be ex-officio a member  
17 of said board during his term of office.

Sect. 3. The board of trustees shall have the general care  
2 and management of the university; see that it is conducted  
3 according to law, and the by-laws which said trustees are  
4 hereby authorized to establish, not inconsistent with law;  
5 hold in trust for the state any land, money or other property,  
6 granted, bequeathed or given to the university, and apply

7 the same for the support and proper carrying on of the  
8 university; have power to bring actions for all sums due, to  
9 enforce all legal rights and to defend all suits brought  
10 against the university.

Sect. 4. The board of trustees shall choose a president  
2 of the board, and a president, treasurer and other necessary  
3 officers of the university, who shall hold their offices during  
4 the pleasure of the trustees and receive such compensation  
5 as the trustees may from time to time determine with the  
6 approval of the governor and council.

Sect. 5. The trustees shall receive the sum of five dollars  
2 per day for each day actually employed in necessary official  
3 duties and their actual expenses incurred in connection  
4 therewith.

Sect. 6. In admitting students to the university, prefer-  
2 ence shall be given to those applicants for enrollment who  
3 are bona fide residents of Maine. Students from without  
4 the state of Maine shall pay tuition and other charges  
5 sufficient in amount to reimburse the state for all expenses  
6 incurred on account of such students.

Sect. 7. The trustees of the university shall have power  
2 to confer degrees as at present authorized and may in addi-  
3 tion to the present courses taught add such new courses of  
4 instruction as they with the consent of the governor and  
5 council, may determine.

Sect. 8. All public and private and special acts and parts  
2 of acts relating to the University of Maine inconsistent

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3 herewith are hereby repealed, but such now in force as are  
4 not inconsistent are hereby reaffirmed and re-enacted.