

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Burkett of Portland.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to Create the Portland High School Athletic Field  
Commission.

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

Section 1. A commission, to be styled the Portland High  
2 School Athletic Field Commission, is hereby created.

Sect. 2. The commission shall consist of three members,  
2 one of whom shall be the principal of the Portland high  
3 school, and two other members, to be elected annually by  
4 the superintending school committee of the city of Port-  
5 land, to serve for one year or until their successors are  
6 elected. The commission shall be elected immediately upon

7 this act taking effect and the commission first elected shall  
8 serve until the second Monday of December, nineteen hun-  
9 dred twenty-nine. Whenever a vacancy shall occur, an-  
10 other person shall be elected by the superintending school  
11 committee for the unexpired term. The commission shall  
12 serve without compensation and from their own numbers  
13 elect the necessary officers to serve for one year or until  
14 their successors are elected. A majority of the member-  
15 ship of said commission shall constitute a quorum.

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

Sect. 4. The city council of the city of Portland may  
2 transfer and surrender to the commission the use, care and  
3 control of any lands now held by the city or hereafter ac-  
4 quired by it and the park commission and the recreation  
5 commission may transfer and surrender to the commission  
6 the use, care and control of any lands under the care and  
7 control of the park and recreation commission, and de-  
8 termine the time, terms and conditions of said transfer or

9 surrender.

Sect. 5. This act shall not limit or effect in any way the  
2 authority conferred by law upon the park commission of  
3 said city to lay out and improve the public parks, prome-  
4 nades, squares, cemeteries and public grounds in said city.

Sect. 6. The city of Portland is hereby authorized and  
2 empowered to assist in the underdraining, grading, leveling,  
3 surfacing, and fencing of said grounds.

Sect. 7. The commission shall annually report to the  
2 superintending school committee in such manner and form  
3 as the superintending school committee may require.

Sect. 8. The city of Portland shall not be liable to any  
2 action, either in tort or contract, for any acts of the com-  
3 mission in the development or use and occupation of any  
4 lands transferred or surrendered to the commission.

Sect. 9. Chapter eighty-five, private and special laws,  
2 nineteen hundred and twenty-three and all other acts and  
3 parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.