

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

House Document

No. 612

H. P. 605 House of Representatives, March 1, 1929.

Reported by Mr. Burkett from Committee on Revision of Statutes and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Burkett of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relating to the Maine Wesleyan Seminary and
Woman's College.

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

The act, incorporating the trustees of the Readfield Religious and Charitable Society, passed February twenty-three eight, eighteen hundred and twenty-one, together with all acts additional thereto and amendatory thereof, said corporation, being now known as the Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Woman's College, is hereby amended so that as amended it shall read as follows, viz.:

'Section 1. Fred E. Eastman, Charles S. Cummings, A.

2 Eugene Nickerson, Wilbur F. Berry, George R. Palmer,
3 Fremont L. Russell, Carter B. Keene, Henry E. Dunnack,
4 Ray N. Randall, Miss Nellie L. Shorey, Mrs. Anabel Shaw
5 Smart, David B. Holt, Ralph F. Lowe, Edwin A. Strout,
6 Herbert C. Eldridge, Frank R. Clark, J. Orville Newton,
7 John M. Arters, George E. Kimball, William D. Hutchins,
8 Mrs. Louise Vaill Nichols, W. W. Cole, and Lindsay B.
9 Griffin, the same being the present board of trustees, their
10 associates and successors, are hereby continued and consti-
11 tuted a body politic and corporate by the name of trustees
12 of the Maine Wesleyan Seminary and College and as such
13 and by that name shall have power to prosecute and defend
14 suits at law; to have and use a common seal which they
15 may change at pleasure; to take and hold for the objects
16 of their association by gift, grant, donation, devise, bequest,
17 purchase or otherwise any estate real or personal; to sell,
18 convey or exchange any such estate whenever in their
19 judgment the interests of said institution will be thereby
20 promoted, and all donations, gifts, grants, devises or be-
21 quests made to said corporation for specific purposes shall
22 be appropriated and applied according to the will and de-
23 sign of the donor and in no other way.

‘Sect. 2. The term of office of the members of said board
2 of trustees shall be six years except that at their first meet-
3 ing after this act shall have taken effect they shall determine
4 by lot that the term of eight of their number shall expire in
5 four years, and that the term of eight of their number shall

6 expire in two years from the date of the first annual meet-
7 ing of the board of trustees after this act shall have taken
8 effect, and then and thereafter as the terms of the trustees
9 expire their successors shall be elected for a full term of
10 six years by the remaining trustees by majority ballot of
11 those present at the meeting when such election is held, and
12 vacancies in said board from whatever cause arising shall
13 be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner.

'Sect. 3. The said board of trustees may from time to
2 time change the number of their members except that such
3 number shall at no time be fixed at less than twenty nor
4 more than twenty-five. Whenever a change in the number
5 of members is made, they shall be so allocated as to insure
6 the expiration of the term of as nearly one-third as may
7 be at the end of every period of two years.

'Sect. 4. The said board of trustees shall have power to
2 remove any trustee from their corporation whenever, in the
3 judgment of two-thirds of the remaining trustees for the
4 time being, he shall become morally or by reason of age,
5 infirmity or otherwise unfitted to perform the duties of his
6 office.

'Sect. 5. The said board of trustees shall be so consti-
2 tuted that at all times a majority of its membership shall
3 consist of members of the Methodist Episcopal Church in
4 good standing.

'Sect. 6. The said board of trustees shall annually elect
2 from their membership a president, a vice-president, a sec-

3 retary, and a treasurer, and shall require the treasurer to
4 give bond to the satisfaction of the trustees for the faithful
5 discharge of his duty.

'Sect. 7. The said board of trustees may make and adopt
2 such rules, regulations and by-laws not repugnant to law as
3 they may deem expedient for the management of their
4 affairs.

'Sect. 8. The purpose of said board of trustees shall be
2 to control and foster as a secondary school for both sexes
3 the institution now known as the Maine Wesleyan Seminary
4 and Woman's College at Kent's Hill in Readfield and they
5 shall have power and authority to establish and maintain
6 therein or in connection therewith academic collegiate
7 courses for women and to confer upon students completing
8 the same appropriate degrees.

'Sect. 9. The said board of trustees shall elect a president
2 of said school whose tenure of office shall be at their pleas-
3 ure and who during his incumbency shall be ex-officio a
4 member of said board but not subject to the provisions here-
5 in contained relating to the number or expiration of the
6 term of members thereof.

'Sect. 10. The said board of trustees shall, upon recom-
2 mendation of the president of said school, elect all neces-
3 sary professors, instructors and teachers for such term and
4 under such conditions as they shall determine.

'Sect. 11. All donations, gifts, grants, conveyances, de-
2 vises and bequests heretofore made to the trustees of the

3 Readfield Religious and Charitable Society; to the trustees
4 of the Maine Wesleyan Seminary; to the trustees of the
5 Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Female Collegiate Institute;
6 to the Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Female College; to the
7 Maine Wesleyan Seminary and Woman's College or to any
8 other persons or corporations for the benefit and use of
9 said school, or that shall hereafter be made to either of said
10 corporations or to the trustees thereof, or to any other per-
11 sons or corporations for the benefit and use of said school,
12 shall be deemed good and valid and shall be and become
13 the property of the trustees of the Maine Wesleyan Semin-
14 ary and College as if made to them, and shall be held by
15 said trustees as if made to them, and the said trustees shall
16 have the same right to prosecute in their corporate name
17 any action at law or in equity upon any contract or liability
18 heretofore made or existing with the trustees of the Read-
19 field Religious and Charitable Society; the trustees of the
20 Maine Wesleyan Seminary; the trustees of the Maine Wes-
21 leyian Seminary and Female Collegiate Institute; the Maine
22 Wesleyan Seminary and Female College, or with the Maine
23 Wesleyan Seminary and Woman's College, as the said body
24 politic, under whatever name, might have done if the name
25 thereof had not been changed; and also to defend any suit
26 which may be brought against them upon any such contract
27 or liability; and all acts of said trustees in their corporate
28 capacity are hereby ratified.

'Sect. 12. All parts of the act incorporating the trustees
2 of the Readfield Religious and Charitable Society, passed

3 February twenty-eight, eighteen hundred and twenty-one,
4 and all parts of acts additional thereto and amendatory
5 thereof not incorporated into the provisions of this act are
6 hereby repealed.'