

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

House Document

No. 729

H. P. 1675 House of Representatives, March 22, 1929.

Reported by a majority of the Committee on Judiciary. Read twice, under suspension of the rules, tomorrow assigned.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Consolidate the General Superintendence, Management and Control of the State Prison, the Reformatory for Men and Reformatory for Women Under One Board of Trustees, and to Provide for the Temporary Transfer of Inmates.

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

Section 1. Such portions of chapter one hundred forty-two of the revised statutes of Maine and acts amendatory thereof and additional thereto and of chapter one hundred forty-three of said statutes and acts amendatory thereof and additional thereto as vest the general direction and control of the state prison or other duties in a board of

7 three prison commissioners; such portions of chapter one
8 hundred eighty-two of the public laws of nineteen hundred
9 nineteen and acts amendatory thereof and additional there-
10 to as vest the general superintendence, management and
11 control of the reformatory for men in a board of five trus-
12 tees; and such portions of chapter one hundred forty-two
13 of the revised statutes of Maine and acts amendatory there-
14 of and additional thereto as vest the general superintend-
15 ence, management and control of the reformatory for wo-
16 men in a board of five trustees are hereby repealed and
17 instead thereof the same powers of general superintendence,
18 management and control of said several institutions is here-
19 by vested in one board of seven trustees of state penal and
20 correctional institutions.

Sect. 2. Upon the passage of this act the governor, with
2 the advice and consent of the council, shall appoint seven
3 persons, all of whom shall be inhabitants of the state, to
4 be trustees of state penal and correctional institutions who
5 shall have general superintendence, management and con-
6 trol of the state prison and reformatory for men and re-
7 formatory for women. The term of office of said trustees
8 shall be four years, subject to a removal by the governor
9 and council for cause shown, except that the first appoint-
10 ments shall be made, so that the term of one of them shall
11 expire on the first Tuesday of July, nineteen hundred thirty,
12 two of them on the first Tuesday of July, nineteen hundred
13 thirty-one, two of them on the first Tuesday of July, nine-

14 teen hundred thirty-two, two of them on the first Tuesday
15 of July, nineteen hundred thirty-three. Any person ap-
16 pointed to fill a vacancy in the board of trustees shall hold
17 office for the remainder of the term of the person whom
18 he succeeds.

Sect. 3. Wherever in such several acts the word “com-
2 missioner” or “commissioners” or the word “trustee” or
3 “trustees” are used, such several sections are hereby amend-
4 ed by substituting in place thereof the words ‘trustee’ or
5 ‘trustees of state penal and correctional institutions’ and the
6 several duties, obligations, and privileges conferred and im-
7 posed on said several boards of commissioners and trustees
8 are hereby conferred and imposed upon the board of trus-
9 tees of state penal and correctional institutions hereby cre-
10 ated. The board shall appoint from their number a presi-
11 dent and a secretary who shall hold office for such terms
12 as shall be fixed by the board.

Sect. 4. Whenever the trustees deem it advisable they
2 may, with the approval of the judge who imposed sentence,
3 if he be living, or if not then with the approval of the chief
4 justice, transfer temporarily an inmate of the prison to
5 either of the reformatories. The trustees may subsequently
6 return to the prison any inmate who may have been so
7 transferred.

Sect. 5. A committee of the council consisting of one
2 with whom shall be associated two women, shall be ap-
3 pointed by the governor biennially, who shall visit the state

4 prison and the reformatories at their discretion, to ascer-
5 tain the condition of the inmates and the efficiency of the
6 management of the said institutions, and they shall report
7 to the superintendents of said institutions and to the board
8 of trustees of state penal and correctional institutions.