

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# EIGHTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

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H. P. 946                      House of Representatives, Feb. 11, 1931.

Referred to Committee on Education and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Lowell of Lincoln.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to Establish Civic Centers.

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

Section 1. Schoolhouses established as civic centers. There is hereby established a civic center at each and every public schoolhouse within the state, where citizens, parent-teachers' associations, campfire girls, boy scout and girl scout troops, clubs and associations formed for recreational, educational, economic, artistic or moral activities within the said state may engage in supervised recreational activities and where they may meet and discuss, from time to time as they may desire, any and all subjects and questions which in their judgment, may appertain to the educational, economic, artistic and moral interests of the citizens of the respective communities in which they may reside; provided that such use of such public schoolhouses and grounds for said meetings shall in no wise interfere with such use and occupancy of said public schoolhouses and grounds, as is now or hereafter may be required for the purposes of said public schools of the state.

Sec. 2. Management of civic centers. The management, direction and control of said civic centers shall be vested in the superintending school committees or boards of education of the respective towns and cities. Said superintending school committees or boards of education shall make all needful rules and regulations for conducting said civic meetings and for

such recreational activities as are provided for in section one of this act, and which shall aid, assist and lend encouragement to said activities; and said superintending school committees or boards of education may appoint a supervising officer who shall have charge of the grounds, preserve order, protect the school property, and do all things necessary in the capacity of a peace officer to carry out the provisions and the intents and purposes of this act.

Sec. 3. Expenses. Lighting, heating, janitor service, and the services of a special supervising officer when needed, in connection with such use of public school buildings and grounds as set forth in section one of this act, shall be provided for out of the funds appropriated by the respective towns and cities for school purposes. Such use of the said school houses, property and grounds shall be granted free; provided, that in case of entertainment where an admission fee is charged, a charge may be made for the use of said school-houses, property and grounds.