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H. P. 1012

House of Representatives, Feb. 2, 1933.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Hall of Bar Harbor.

S T A T E O F M A I N E

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE

AN ACT for the Preservation of Academic Records.

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

Sec. 1. R. S. c. 19, § 121, amended. Section 121 of c. 19 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 121. Conferring literary or academic degrees without authority of legislature prohibited; penalty. No person, partnership, or institution and no corporation shall be empowered to confer educational, literary, or academic degrees unless thereunto expressly authorized by an act of the legislature. Any person, partnership, institution, or corporation offering or conferring degrees, or purporting to offer and confer degrees, without being thereunto duly authorized, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000, or by imprisonment for not more than 11 months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

The trustees or officers of any college or other institution of learning, whether, incorporated or not, upon going out of existence or ceasing to function as an educational institution, may turn over its records of all grades attained by its students, to the State Library to be preserved by it as a central depository of this valuable historical material.

The state library is hereby designated the central depository for the records of such educational institutions in this state as have ceased to exist, or may cease to exist in the future. The state library shall where

possible collect the records of such educational institution extinct, or hereafter becoming extinct, and have the supervision, care, custody and control of said records. They shall, when requested, prepare transcripts of such grade records, which may, at any time become necessary to the former student, for further scholastic work at other institutions, for certification for teaching and other professional positions. Whenever such transcript is made, and after it has been compared with the original, it shall be certified by the the state library and shall thereafter be considered and accepted as evidence and, for all other purposes, the same as the original could be. For the preparation of such transcript the state library may charge a nominal fee to compensate them for the actual labor of preparing such transcript.

The provisions of this section shall become mandatory in the case of all new educational corporations chartered after the passage of this act.'

Sec. 2. Effective date. This act shall be in force and become effective from and after its passage.