

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

A. D. 1852.

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1852.

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An act to incorporate the Bangor Asylum and Farm School for indigent boys.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled* as follows :

Corporators.

SECT. 1. That Thomas Drew, Charles Stetson, George W. Pickering, Samuel P. Strickland, Daniel B. Hinkley, Isaiah Stetson, George Stetson, Seth Paine, P. B. Mills, and F. M. Sabine with their associates, successors and assigns, be and they are hereby made a corporation by the name of the Bangor Asylum and Farm School, for the education and reformation of boys, who from the loss of their parents, or other causes, are exposed to extraordinary temptation, and are in danger of becoming vicious or useless members of society.

Corporate name.

Purposes.

May take and hold estate, &c.

SECT. 2. Said corporation may take and hold real and personal estate free from taxation, not exceeding in value one hundred thousand dollars.

Membership.

SECT. 3. Every person who shall pay to the funds of the corporation, the sum of fifty dollars, in annual contributions within five years, may be admitted to be a member of the corporation ; and every member shall be entitled to one vote, for every fifty dollars so paid ; *provided* that no member shall be entitled to more than ten votes.

Votes.

Pupils.

SECT. 4. Any boy above the age of five years, who shall be deemed by the directors or other officers appointed under the authority of this act, to be a fit subject for said school, may be admitted thereto, by them on the application of the father, or in case of his death or absence, by the mother or guardian of the boy, and the said officers are authorized to accept from such father, or mother or guardian, a surrender in writing of any such boy, to the care and direction of the said corporation ; and they may take any other indigent boys residing in the city of Bangor or vicinity, who shall appear to them to be suitable objects of charity, and who have no parents or guardians within this state. All boys so taken and admitted into the school, shall be maintained, employed, and educated therein ; and instructed in moral and religious duties, and in the knowledge usually communicated in the common town schools ; they shall also be employed in a regular course of labor, suited to their age and strength ; they shall be instructed in agriculture and gardening or such useful occupations as will contribute to their present maintenance and future usefulness, and may tend to form habits of industry and order, and prepare them to earn their own livelihood, and benefit posterity.

How maintained, employed, &c.

SECT. 5. The pupils of said school, when of a suitable age, and sufficiently qualified, may be bound out as apprentices, until they respectively arrive at the age of twenty-one years, to learn such arts and trades, or employments, as in the judgment of the said officers may be best adapted to the capacity and disposition of each pupil, and may tend most to his future benefit and advantage. And the said officers shall have authority to bind out all the said pupils in like manner, and with the same effect as is now by law authorized to be done by overseers of the poor, with regard to children of poor persons settled in their respective towns; *provided however*, that any boy received into the school, who shall not have been surrendered as aforesaid, in the manner above provided, to the care and direction of the corporation, may be withdrawn by his parents or guardian, upon the payment to the treasurer of the corporation, the expense incurred in the maintenance of the child; *and provided further*, that nothing in this act shall prevent said officers from dismissing any pupil, whenever they shall think the welfare of the pupil or the interests of the school will be promoted thereby.

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May be bound out, &amp;c.

Authority of officers to bind out pupils, &amp;c.

Proviso.

Pupils may be withdrawn.

Further proviso.

Officers authorized to dismiss pupils.

[Approved April 24, 1852.]

### Chapter 637.

An act to make valid the location of the town roads of the town of Stow.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled*, as follows:

SECT. 1. The several town ways in the town of Stow in the county of Oxford, are hereby established and made legal town-ways, as now located, constructed and traveled, and all the proceedings of the said town or its officers in laying out and constructing the same, are hereby declared valid.

Town-ways made legal.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval by the governor.

[Approved April 24, 1852.]