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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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**Chapter 413.**

An Act to amend the charter of the East Maine Conference Seminary.

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

SECT. 1. That all the powers, rights and privileges which in the act incorporating the East Maine Conference Seminary, passed by the legislature of Maine, in eighteen hundred and fifty, were given to and conferred upon the trustees, together with all property of every kind and name now held by the East Maine Conference Seminary, be and hereby are transferred to a board of trustees to be appointed according to the provisions of this act; and said board shall hold the same for the uses and purposes hereinafter set forth.

All powers and property of East Maine Conference Seminary, transferred to board of trustees.

SECT. 2. And be it further enacted that the board of trustees and their successors in office shall be the regular and lawful successors of the persons named in the first section of the original act, and shall constitute the corporation and body politic known heretofore by the name and style of the East Maine Conference Seminary, for the sole purpose of maintaining and conducting a seminary in the town of Bucksport of as high an order and having as many departments as the said corporation shall deem proper; to be called the East Maine Conference Seminary of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and by that name shall be and hereby are made capable in law to purchase, have, hold, receive and enjoy estate, real, personal and mixed, of every kind and nature whatsoever, to such an amount as may be necessary for the purposes of said corporation; and the same to give, grant, sell, convey, manage and dispose of at pleasure; to sue and be sued, defend and be defended in all courts; also to make and use a seal at will; to elect a president, faculty, and other instructors of said institution of learning; to establish and execute such by-laws and regulations as to them shall seem necessary or convenient for the discipline and instruction of the students of said institution, not being contrary to the laws of this state, and generally to transact all business tending to promote the prosperity and usefulness of said institution, subject to the conditions and limitations hereinafter provided.

Board of trustees.

—corporate name.

—authorized to maintain a seminary.

Authorized to hold real estate, etc.

—seal.

—president and faculty.

—by laws.

SECT. 3. And be it further enacted that the whole number of the board of trustees shall not at any time exceed thirty-one. The president of the institution shall be, ex-officio, one

Number of trustees.

—election of.

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of the number. The East Maine Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church shall have the right to elect fifteen trustees as hereinafter provided. The trustees shall have the right to elect the remainder, not to exceed fifteen; the election shall be, in all cases, by ballot, provided, that at all times two-thirds of the trustees, the president, and a majority of the faculty shall be members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

East Maine Annual Conference authorized to elect three trustees.

SECT. 4. And be it further enacted that at each session of the East Maine Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, its members may elect three trustees and the board of trustees shall determine to which class of its body, trustees so elected shall be assigned.

Quorum.

SECT. 5. And be it further enacted that thirteen trustees shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of ordinary business; but the concurrent vote of at least two-thirds of all the trustees shall be necessary for the sale of real estate.

Endowment funds shall not be mortgaged.

SECT. 6. And be it further enacted that any and all funds of the institution designated as endowment or permanent funds, and all donations the incomes of which are or may be designated to be used for the annual expenses of said institution, shall not be pledged, mortgaged or in any other manner disposed of by any person for the purpose of paying the current expenses of said institution, or for borrowing money to pay the same.

Act to be submitted to board of trustees, at next meeting.

SECT. 7. And be it further enacted that this amended charter be submitted to the board of trustees at their next meeting after the passage of this act; and immediately on approval they shall proceed to resolve the members as equally as possible into five classes; the seats of the first class shall be vacated at the end of the first year; of the second class at the end of the second year; of the third class at the end of the third year; of the fourth class at the end of the fourth year; of the fifth class at the end of the fifth year, so that one class may be chosen every year.

—classification of trustees.

Inconsistent acts, repealed.

SECT. 8. All acts and parts of acts previously incorporating the East Maine Conference Seminary and inconsistent with this amendment are hereby repealed; but this amendment shall not be construed to lessen or take away any of the powers and privileges heretofore conferred on the said institution.