

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

SEVENTIETH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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PUBLIC LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE.
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Chapter 264.

An Act to amend Chapter eighty-one of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five, relating to certain property ordained for pious uses, the legal custodian of which is unknown.

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

Chapter eighty-one of the public laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five is hereby amended by inserting after the word "person," in the fourth line, the word 'patriotic;' also after the word "intended," in the sixth line, the words 'or for some public or patriotic purpose;' also after the word "intended" in the fifteenth line, the words 'or some public or patriotic purpose;' also after the word "religious," in the sixteenth line, the words 'or patriotic;' also in the nineteenth line, after the word "pious," the words 'public or patriotic;' so that when amended, the chapter shall read as follows:

'Where any property in this state dedicated and ordained for pious uses, has no proper or legal custodian, so that it is becoming wasted and the utility thereof is lost, upon the application of any person, patriotic or religious society interested in having such property preserved and applied to the uses for which it was originally intended, or for some public or patriotic purpose, the attorney general shall file a bill in equity, in the nature of an information, against such property and all persons interested therein, praying for the appointment of trustees to care for such property and for the proper application and disposition thereof, and the court may order such notice as seems proper, and may appoint receivers or trustees therefor, and upon final decree, may order the care, custody, sale, application or disposal of such property as will best serve the purposes for which it was originally intended, or some public or patriotic purpose. The court may convey or transfer such property to any religious or patriotic body, to be held and applied for the purposes of such trust as the court may declare; and it shall have full power to treat, care for and dispose of the same in furtherance of such pious, public or patriotic uses as may seem best suited to the case and situation.'

Chapter 81,
public laws
1895,
amended.

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Approved March 22, 1901.