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## STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND  
FIFTY-NINE.

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AN ACT for the establishment of a State Normal School.

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established, as herein-  
2 after provided, a State Normal School, for the training  
3 of teachers in the art of instructing and governing  
4 the common schools of this State.

SECT. 2. There shall be appointed, by the governor  
2 and council, six trustees of said school, one from each  
3 congressional district ; of whom, in the first instance,  
4 two shall be appointed for one year, two for two years,  
5 and two for three years ; at the expiration of which  
6 several terms, appointments to fill said offices shall  
7 be for the term of three years, which time shall thence-  
8 forth be the term of office of said trustees ; and any

9 vacancy happening in the office of trustee, before  
10 the expiration of the term of office, shall be filled by  
11 appointment by the governor and council, for the  
12 residue of said term.

SECT. 3. Said trustees, together with the superin-  
2 tendent of common schools, for the time being, shall  
3 constitute the Board of Trustees of the State Normal  
4 School, to which shall be committed the location of  
5 said school, the application of the funds for the sup-  
6 port thereof, the appointment of teachers, and power  
7 of removing the same; the authority to prescribe the  
8 studies and exercises of the school; the rules for its  
9 management, and the granting of diplomas; and they  
10 shall report on or before the fifteenth day of January,  
11 annually, to the legislature, their own doings and the  
12 condition and progress of the school.

SECT. 4. The expenses necessarily incurred by said  
2 trustees, in the discharge of their duties, shall be de-  
3 frayed out of the funds hereinafter appropriated for  
4 the support of said school; but they shall receive no  
5 compensation for their services.

SECT. 5. Such persons only shall be admitted to  
2 said school as have the literary qualifications now re-  
3 quired by law for teachers in common schools; and  
4 no person shall be admitted to the same as a pupil  
5 who does not intend to pursue the profession of teach-

6 ing in the common schools of this State, and who  
7 shall not before admission thereto file with the trustees  
8 a declaration of such intention; and whenever a  
9 greater number of persons so qualified and declaring  
10 shall apply for admission as pupils to said school than  
11 can be therein accommodated; the trustees shall  
12 admit such applicants as will secure to every portion  
13 of the State, so far as is practicable, an equal propor-  
14 tion of pupils in said school.

SECT. 6. The trustees are authorized, and it shall  
2 be their duty, to establish such rules and regulations  
3 as they deem proper to secure the payment of a rea-  
4 sonable tuition from such pupils as shall not engage  
5 in teaching in the common schools of this State for a  
6 time not less than twelve months during the three  
7 years next after their leaving the Normal School; but  
8 there shall be no charge for tuition to those who shall,  
9 in pursuance of their declaration, teach in the common  
10 schools of this State, the time aforesaid.

SECT. 7. Whenever any person, or persons, or corpo-  
2 rations, shall offer to the Board of Trustees, for a time  
3 not less than five years, the necessary building or build-  
4 ings and apparatus for the accommodation of not less  
5 than two hundred and fifty pupils, to the acceptance of  
6 the said Board of Trustees, and shall place such build-  
7 ings and apparatus at the disposal of the trustees for the

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8 use of the State, and the Board of Trustees shall  
9 accept the same ; then the said Board shall establish  
10 therein a State Normal School, as herein before pro-  
11 vided, and appropriate for the support thereof the  
12 sum provided in section eight.

SECT. 8. For the support of said school, there shall  
2 be annually appropriated the sum of three thousand  
3 dollars, for the term of five years, out of any money  
4 in the treasury not otherwise appropriated ; and the  
5 governor, with consent of the council, is hereby  
6 authorized to draw his warrant on the treasury for  
7 the same.

SECT. 9. This act shall take effect from and after its  
2 approval by the governor.

## STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 14, 1859.

Read twice, and on motion of Mr. SMART of Camden, laid on the  
table, and 350 copies of the same ordered to be printed for the use  
of the Legislature.

GEO. W. WILCOX, *Clerk.*