

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE.

No. 24

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT relating to the Common School Fund and the means of  
providing for and distributing the same.

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Section 1. A tax of four and one-half mills on a dollar  
2 shall annually be assessed upon all of the property in the  
3 State according to the valuation thereof and shall be known  
4 as the tax for the support of the common schools.

Sect. 2. This tax shall be assessed and collected in the  
2 same manner as other State taxes and shall be paid into the  
3 State treasury and designated as the Common School Fund.

Sect. 3. One third of this fund shall be distributed by the  
2 Treasurer of State on the first day of January, annually, to  
3 the several cities, towns and plantations according to the  
4 number of scholars therein, as the same shall appear from

5 the official returns made to the State Superintendent of Pub-  
6 lic Schools for the preceding year and the remaining two  
7 thirds of said fund shall be distributed by the Treasurer of  
8 State on the first day of January, annually, to the several  
9 cities, towns and plantations according to the valuation there-  
10 of as the same shall be fixed by the State Assessors, for the  
11 preceding year.

Sect. 4. All of said fund not distributed or expended dur-  
2 ing the financial year, shall at its close, be added to the per-  
3 manent School Fund.

Sect. 5. All moneys provided by towns, or apportioned by  
2 the State for the support of Common Schools, shall be ex-  
3 pended for the maintenance of Common Schools, established  
4 and controlled by the towns by which said moneys are pro-  
5 vided, or to which said moneys are apportioned.

Sect. 6. Sections 13, 124, 125, 126 and 127 of chapter 15  
2 of the revised statutes and chapter III of the public laws of  
3 1907 are hereby repealed.



STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, January 27, 1909.

Tabled pending reference to a committee by Mr. PATTAN-  
GALL of Waterville and ordered printed.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*