

SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 173

In Scnate, Feb. 4, 1913.

Presented by Senator Murphy of Cumberland, and on motion by same Senator laid on the table for printing pending reference to a committee.

W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to amend Section one of Chapter one hundred and ninety-eight of the Public Laws of 1909, as amended, relating to School Equalization Fund.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Section 1. Section one of chapter one hundred and ninety-2 eight of the Public Laws of 1909 as amended by chapter one 3 hundred and ninety-two of the Public Laws of 1911 is here-4 by further amended by striking out the word "eleven" in 5 the second line thereof and by substituting in place thereof 6 the word 'thirteen,' and by striking out the words "twenty-

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7 seven thousand five hundred" in the third and fourth lines 8 thereof and by substituting in place thereof the words 'fifty 9 thousand,' and by adding to said section the following, 'pro-10 vided, that the rate of taxation hereinbefore named for the 11 purposes of this act shall be reckoned on the basis of the 12 amount actually raised by taxation by the town for the sup-13 port of common schools, exclusive of any amounts received 14 from the state,' so that said section when amended shall read 15 as follows:

'Section I. The treasurer of state shall immediately after 17 the first day of July, nineteen hundred and thirteen, and 18 annually thereafter deduct the sum of fifty thousand dol-19 lars from the state school funds and the same shall be set 20 aside and denominated the school equalization fund, which 21 shall be used in the manner hereinafter designated for the 22 purpose of aiding those towns wherein a rate of taxation 23 considerably in excess of the average rate for the state fails 24 to produce a school revenue sufficient to secure a reason-25 able standard of educational efficiency; provided, that the 26 rate of taxation hereinbefore named for the purposes of 27 this act shall be reckoned on the basis of the amount actu-28 ally raised by taxation by the town for the support of com-29 mon schools, exclusive of any amounts received from the 30 state.'

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