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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Dunham of Ellsworth.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FIFTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Schooling of Children of Parents Who Reside on State-owned Property.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 37, § 37, amended. Section 37 of chapter 37 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 37. Schooling for children of parents who have a temporary residence provided for; jurisdiction granted to towns of temporary residence; privileges in town of permanent residence not affected; responsibility of parents. In order to facilitate the education of children whose parents reside on state-owned property or whose parents find it necessary, in the pursuit of their occupations, to move from place to place and whose children reside with them on such state property or in such temporary residence, it is provided that the children of such person or persons shall be under the jurisdiction of the towns and plantations, or the commissioner if domicile is in unorganized territory, in which the parent resides on such state property or has temporary residence and shall be subject to the school attendance laws and to the rules and regulations of the towns and plantations or the commissioner in which they with the parent reside on such state property

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or have temporary residence, provided further, that this does not interfere with the free school privileges of such children in the towns and plantations of the permanent residence of the parent.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 37, § 38, amended. Section 38 of chapter 37 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 38. Transportation or board of children in places of temporary residences provided for; procedure to obtain; payment of, how made. Where the distance from the place of residence on state property or of temporary residence to the school is more than 2 miles and transportation is deemed advisable by the superintending school committee, the superintendent of schools shall report the same to the commissioner with such other information as may be required and if so directed by the commissioner shall procure transportation for such child or children or, if transportation is inadvisable, board in lieu thereof; provided that when there shall be reported to the commissioner in connection with the annual report a bill of expenses incurred in connection with such transportation or board, the commissioner is authorized to reimburse such towns and plantations for such expenses, the same to be paid from the state school fund and at the time of the distribution of such fund.'