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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Surrender of Property by Academies.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 41, § 122, amended. Section 122 of chapter 41 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 122. Trustees of academies, etc., may surrender property to establish free high schools. The trustees of any academy or other corporation formed for educational purposes may, by a majority vote of such of said trustees as reside in the State, surrender the whole or any part of the property belonging thereto to the municipal officers of any town or the trustees of any school fund in any town in which said academy or corporation is situated, or to any community school district organized under the general law or by special law which includes the town where the said academy or corporation is situated, for turning the same into a free high school as hereinafter provided, and said municipal officers or trustees, for the time being, or said community school district shall be a board of trustees or trustee to take and hold said property for maintaining a free high school; and upon receiving said property, they or it shall use proper diligence to make the same produce income for the support of said free high school.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 41, § 123, amended. Section 123 of chapter 41 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 123. Property conveyed. When the vote described in section 122 is passed, the treasurer of the trustees mentioned in section 122 shall convey, assign and deliver to the municipal officers of said town, or the trustees of the said

school fund, or to the said community school district, all property belonging to such academy or corporation for the purposes indicated by the preceding section.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 41, § 124, amended. Section 124 of chapter 41 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 124. Income of property; qualifications of pupils; tuition by nonresidents. The municipality town or community school district accepting the property in trust, as named in section 122, shall apply the income thereof towards the support of a free high school to be kept within said municipality serve the town where the said academy or corporation has been situated, within the requirements of the laws relating to the establishment and maintenance of free high schools, and provide suitable accommodations for the same; the superintending school committee in said municipality the said town, or the community school committee if a community school district, shall determine the qualifications necessary to entitle any applicant to enter or attend said free high school, and no one shall attend it without certificate of said officers to that effect.

All scholars residing within the municipality aforesaid said town or community school district, having such certificate, may attend said school without tuition fee, and all scholars not residents of said municipality town or community school district may attend said school upon such terms and conditions as said superintending school committee or said community school committee may impose.'