

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE,

DURING ITS SESSION

A. D. 1853.

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# THIRTY - SECOND LEGISLATURE.

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HOUSE.]

[No. 7.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT further regulating School Returns, and the  
distribution of the State School Funds.

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

SECTION 1. The superintending school committees  
2 of the several cities, towns and plantations, shall  
3 make the returns required by law to be made by  
4 them to the office of secretary of state on or before  
5 the first day of April in each year.

SECT. 2. In any plantation where no superintend-  
2 ing school committee has been elected, the assessors  
3 or clerk may make the required returns.

SECT. 3. In case the returns from any city, town  
2 or plantation shall not be received at the office of the  
3 secretary of state in the month of April, he shall on  
4 the first day of May notify the committees of the de-  
5 linquent cities, towns and plantations of the deficiency  
6 on their part.

SECT. 4. The secretary of state shall ascertain an-  
2 nually, on the first day of June, from the returns of  
3 the several school committees, the number of children  
4 between the ages of four and twenty-one years, in  
5 the several cities, towns and plantations from which  
6 returns have been received, and furnish a list thereof  
7 to the state treasurer.

SECT. 5. The treasurer shall, immediately after the  
2 first day of June, apportion to the several cities,  
3 towns and plantations, the state school funds for the  
4 year, from whatever sources derived, according to  
5 the list furnished to him by the secretary of state,  
6 subject, however, to the provisions of the following  
7 section.

SECT. 6. In case any city, town or plantation, shall  
2 not have made the returns required by law in season  
3 to be embraced in the list returned by the secretary of  
4 state to the treasurer, the number of scholars belong-

5 ing to said city, town or plantation, assumed as the  
6 basis of the next preceding apportionment, deduct-  
7 ing so many as may have been set off to any other  
8 town, or incorporated into any new town within the  
9 year, and also deducting one-tenth part of the re-  
10 mainder, shall be the basis of the new apportionment,  
11 so far as regards said city, town or plantation.

SECT. 7. The state treasurer, immediately after  
2 making the apportionment, shall notify each city,  
3 town and plantation of the amount of its proportion.

SECT. 8. The proportion assigned to any city,  
2 town or plantation which has failed to make returns  
3 for the year, shall not be paid to said city, town or  
4 plantation, until said returns are made to the secre-  
5 tary of state.

SECT. 9. No city, town or plantation which has  
2 not paid its proportion of the state tax of the preced-  
3 ing year, shall receive its share of the state school  
4 fund until said tax is paid to the state treasurer.

SECT. 10. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent  
2 with this act, are hereby repealed.

IN SENATE, February 4, 1853.

Amended as per sheet A, and passed to be engrossed.

LOUIS O. COWAN, *Secretary.*

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AMENDMENT.

A.

Amend by striking out section 9.

# STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
February 7, 1853. }

ORDERED, That 350 copies of the foregoing Bill, reported by the Committee on Education, be printed for the use of the Legislature.

A. B. FARWELL, *Clerk.*