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To Gordon D. Briggs, Esq.
Bangor, Maine

I received your letter of February 5th, submitting questions relating to the provisions of Section 206 of Chapter 37, R. S. 1944; especially relating to paragraph II of Section 204 you ask whether money received by the town from the State can be expended for furnishing electric light and water, and if so, whether such expenditures can be included for the purposes of the computation under said paragraph.

Before answering your question I will say that subsection of Section 204 of Chapter 37 was repealed and replaced by Section 2 of Chapter 403 of the Public Laws of 1947. You will note that the amendment in Section 2 of Chapter 403 refers to purposes named in Section 206, the same as the old section that was repealed; and you will further note that said Section 206 of Chapter 37, R.S., provides how amounts received by the town from the State school funds may be expended by the town - payment of teachers' wages and board, fuel, janitor service, conveyance, tuition, board of pupils, textbooks, reference books and school supplies for desk or laboratory use. Under the provision regarding supplies for desk or laboratory use, it is my opinion that electric lights and water being necessary, for that reason money received by the town from the State can be expended for furnishing electric light and water and can be included for purposes of the computation under the provisions of paragraph II of Section 204 of Chapter 37, R.S. 1944.

In answer to your second question, it is my opinion that amounts received from the State cannot be expended for rental of a building, if the town does not own school buildings. . .

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