

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 326

H. P. 245

House of Representatives, January 23, 1973

Referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Merrill of Bowdoinham.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to State Aid for School Construction.

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

R. S., T. 20, § 3457, amended. The 5th sentence of the 2nd paragraph of section 3457 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 500 of the public laws of 1971, is amended to read as follows:

Any administrative unit not previously eligible for school construction aid for capital outlay purposes under this paragraph shall not be eligible for aid for any project authorized by the unit, if school building plans and specifications were approved by the commissioner after July 1, ~~1969~~ 1967.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The Towns of Litchfield and Richmond, in order to meet the educational needs of their youth voted, with the approval of the Commissioner of Educational and Cultural Services, to construct additions to their elementary schools at their own expense.

Annual debt payment \$8,650 — Litchfield raised \$173,000—1967

+ interest

Annual debt payment \$7,000 — Richmond raised \$140,000—1968

+ interest

1972 State Construction Aid % —

Litchfield — 41%

Richmond — 54%

Because the towns built when needed rather than waiting until after July 1, 1969, they are not eligible for construction aid from the State.

Whereas, it is our belief that the interest of the State is to treat all people as equals, we pray that the residents of Litchfield, Richmond and other towns in the same situation be allowed their fair share of State Construction Aid.