

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FORTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

No. 23.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY.

AN ACT relating to habitual truants.

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

SECTION 1. Section twelve, chapter eleven of the
2 revised statutes, is hereby amended, by striking out
3 the word “ may ” in the first line and inserting the
4 word “ shall ; ” also striking out the words “ six ” and
5 “ fifteen ” in the third line and inserting the words
6 “ eight ” and “ eighteen ; ” likewise striking off all of
7 said section after the words “ for any breach thereof , ”
8 so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows :

9 *Sect. 12.* Towns shall make such by-laws, not
10 repugnant to the laws of the state, concerning habitual
11 truants, and children between eight and eighteen years
12 of age, without any regular and lawful occupation and
13 growing up in ignorance, as are most conducive to
14 their welfare and the good order of society ; and may

15 annex a suitable penalty, not exceeding twenty dol-
16 lars, for any breach thereof.

SECT. 2. Section thirteen of the above named chap-
2 ter, is hereby repealed, and the following section
3 enacted in its stead :

4 *Sect. 13.* It shall be the duty of the superintend-
5 ing school committee, or supervisor of schools, to com-
6 plain of all violations of said by-laws to the proper
7 magistrate ; and of constables to bring such offenders
8 before and execute the judgments of said magistrates.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 17, 1870.

Reported from Committee on Education, by Mr. FRENCH of
Franklin, and printed under the Joint Rule.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary.*