

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# FIFTIETH LEGISLATURE.

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HOUSE.

No. 11.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to increase the common school tax and to establish free select schools.

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

SECTION 1. The tax raised for the support of common schools, shall be one dollar and fifty cents for each inhabitant of this state instead of the present tax.

SECT. 2. Twenty-five per cent. of all the money so raised shall be expended annually in supporting a free select school in each town in this state, wherein shall be taught the branches of education preparatory to a college course.

SECT. 3. Said select schools shall be under the control and supervision of the superintending school committees of the towns wherein such school shall be

4 established, whose duty shall be to locate the school  
5 in such places in their town and put them in opera-  
6 tion at such times as shall best accommodate the  
7 inhabitants of the town; provide school room and  
8 apparatus; employ teachers, and make such other  
9 expenditures as shall be necessary to put in operation  
10 said schools. They shall determine the number and  
11 length of terms to be taught annually, provided no one  
12 term shall continue no more than ten weeks. They  
13 shall also decide upon the age and qualifications  
14 necessary for the admission of scholars. It is pro-  
15 vided, however, that not more than ten per cent. of  
16 the money appropriated for the support of said select  
17 schools shall be expended annually for any other pur-  
18 pose, than in payment of the wages and board of the  
19 teachers.

SECT. 4. Scholars who are residents of the town  
2 wherein such school is located, shall with the consent  
3 of the superintending school committee receive in-  
4 struction free.

SECT. 5. It shall be the duty of the superintending  
2 school committee to keep an exact account of all the  
3 money received and paid out for the support of said  
4 select schools, and report the same at their annual  
5 town meeting.

SECT. 6. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
January 24, 1871. }

Presented by Mr. NORCROSS of Charleston, ordered printed,  
and referred to the Committee on Education.

S. J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*