

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTIETH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 52.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT in aid of free high schools.

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

SECTION 1. Whenever any city, town or towns, shall
2 establish and maintain a suitable free high school for
3 such city, town or towns, and shall annually make
4 special appropriation, by tax or otherwise, for the
5 same, the state by this act covenants to appropriate
6 annually in aid of said free high school, not already
7 provided for by state aid, a sum equal to the amount
8 raised and actually paid by each city or town, for the
9 like purpose ; in no case to exceed five hundred dol-
10 lars on the part of the state ; said appropriation to be
11 paid by the state treasurer, on or after November first
12 of each year, upon proper certification by the governor
13 and council, as provided in section four of this act.

SECT. 2. It shall be the duty of the town, or school district, in which said free high school shall be located, to furnish at the expense of said town, or district, a suitable building and equipments for said school.

SECT. 3. The course of study in said high school shall embrace the ordinary academic studies, and especially the natural sciences in their application to mechanics, manufactures and agriculture.

SECT. 4. Prior to the making, or paying, of any appropriation by the state in aid of such school, satisfactory evidence shall be furnished to the state superintendent of common schools, and by this officer to the governor and council, that the city, or town, asking aid, has complied with the conditions required in sections one and two of this act; and a certificate thereof shall be issued by the governor and council for the benefit of the city, or town, asking such aid.

SECT. 5. Cities, towns and school districts are hereby empowered to appropriate a portion of their school money to sustain said free high school, as indicated in this act, in addition to the special appropriation required by section one.

SECT. 6. The free high school contemplated by this act shall be free to all youth in the town on such conditions of attainments, or scholarship, as shall be fixed by the superintending school committee of that town;

5 and the same school may be open to youth from other
6 towns upon the same conditions of scholarship, and at
7 such rates of tuition as the superintending school com-
8 mittee may determine.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 15, 1871. }

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the rule.

S. J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*