

# FIFTIETH LEGISLATURE.

### SENATE.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend section thirty-three, chapter eleven of the revised statutes, relating to the location of schoolhouses.

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

SECTION 1. Section thirty-three, chapter eleven of 2 the revised statutes of eighteen hundred seventy-one, 3 is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

4 Sect. 33. When a location for the erection or re-5 moval of a school-house, and necessary buildings has 6 been legally designated, and the owner thereof refuses 7 to sell, or asks an unreasonable price for it, in the 8 opinion of the municipal officers, or resides without 9 the limits of the state, and has no authorized agent 10 or attorney within the same, they may lay out a school-

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11 house lot not exceeding eighty square rods, as is pro-12 vided for laying out town ways, and appraising the 13 damages therefor; provided, that no lot thus taken 14 shall infringe upon any lot described by metes and 15 bounds upon which any dwelling house, church or 16 other public building now stands or is in process of 17 construction, which is of a less area than what is here-18 by authorized to be taken; and on payment or tender 19 of such damages, or if such owner shall not reside 20 within this state, upon depositing such damages in the 21 treasury of such town or district for his use, the town 22 or district designating it may take such lot to be held 23 and used for the purposes aforesaid, and shall be re-24 quired to build and maintain a suitable fence around 25 the same; and when such school-house, as is required .26 by the town or district, has ceased to be thereon for 27 two years, it shall revert to the owner, his heirs or 28 assigns, and any incorporated city may take real 29 estate for the enlargement or extension of any location 30 designated for the erection or removal of a school-31 house and necessary buildings, and for necessary play-32 grounds, as herein provided; but no real estate shall 33 be so taken within thirty feet of a dwelling house, 34 church or other public building.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

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IN SENATE, January 28, 1871.

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Presented by Mr. FRENCH of Franklin, and printed under the Joint Rule.

SAMUEL W. LANE, Secretary.