

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

No. 29.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to establish the school mill fund for the support
of common schools.

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

SECTION 1. A tax of one mill per dollar is hereby
2 annually assessed upon all the property in the state
3 according to the valuation thereof, and shall be known
4 as the mill tax for the support of common and free
5 high schools.

SECT. 2. This tax shall be assessed and collected in
2 the same manner as other state taxes, and be paid into
3 the state treasurer and designated as the school mill
4 fund.

SECT. 3. The first distribution of this fund shall be
2 made July first eighteen hundred and seventy-three,
3 and the same month annually thereafter by the state

4 treasurer to the several cities, towns and plantations
5 of the state according to the average attendance of
6 scholars in each city, town or plantation, as the same
7 shall appear from the official return made to the office
8 of the state superintendent of common schools for the
9 preceding year.

SECT. 4. All and every portion of the school mill
2 fund not distributed or expended during the financial
3 year shall at the close of each financial year be added
4 to the permanent school fund.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT supplementary to an act establishing school mill fund.

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

Section five, chapter eleven, school laws, is amended
2 by substituting "eighty cents" in place of "one dol-
3 lar," so that the same shall read as follows :

4 SECT. 5. Every city, town and plantation shall raise
5 and expend, annually, for the support of schools there-
6 in, a sum of money, exclusive of the income of any
7 corporate school fund, or of any grant from the revenue
8 or funds from the state, or of any voluntary donation,
9 devise or bequest, or of any forfeiture accruing to the
10 use of schools, not less than eighty cents for each
11 inhabitant, according to the census of the state, by
12 which representatives to the legislature were last ap-
13 portioned, under penalty of forfeiting not less than
14 twice nor more than four times the amount of its de-
15 ficiency ; and no town which neglects to raise the

16 amount of money required to be raised by this sec-
17 tion shall, during the year in which such neglect oc-
18 curs, receive any part of the state school fund required
19 to be apportioned to the several towns by the treasurer
20 of state ; *provided however*, that all plantations shall be
21 entitled to receive their part of the state school fund
22 when the inhabitants of such plantation shall have
23 paid their part of all state and county taxes, and not
24 otherwise.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 8, 1872.

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SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary*.