

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# FIFTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE.

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HOUSE.

No. 4.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT relating to free text books in public schools.

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

SECTION 1. When a pupil in the public schools of  
2 any town, shall lose, destroy or unnecessarily injure  
3 any school book or school appliance furnished such  
4 pupil at the expense of said town, the parent or  
5 guardian of such pupil shall be notified of the fact,  
6 and if the loss or damage is not made good to the  
7 satisfaction of the school committee within a reason-  
8 able time, it shall be the duty of said committee to  
9 report the case to the assessors of such town, who shall  
10 include in the next town tax of the delinquent parent  
11 or guardian double the value of the book or appliance  
12 so lost, destroyed or injured, to be assessed and col-  
13 lected in the same manner as other town taxes.

SECT. 2. School committees are hereby authorized  
2 to make such rules and regulations for the distribution  
3 and preservation of school books and school appliances  
4 furnished at the expense of the town, as they may  
5 deem proper, provided the same shall not be repugnant  
6 to the laws of the state.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect when approved  
2 by the governor.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
January 16, 1873. }

Reported from the Committee on Education, by Mr. HATCH of  
Bangor, and ordered printed under the rules.

S. J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk*