

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 19.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
January 10, 1873. }

Ordered, That the Committee on Education inquire into the expediency of so changing chapter 43, section 1 of the public laws of 1872—an act to establish the school mill fund for the support of common schools—so that said section 1 shall read five mills instead of one, and of repealing section 5, chapter 11, school laws, compelling every city, town and plantation to raise a per capita tax for the support of schools.

Read and passed.

Sent up for concurrence.

S. J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*

IN SENATE, January 11, 1873.

Concurred.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary.*

MAJORITY REPORT.

The Committee on Education which was instructed by an order of the Legislature to inquire into the expediency of amending the laws relating to the raising of money for the support of common schools, so that the mill tax should be increased and the per capita tax reduced, have had the same under consideration and ask leave to report legislation inexpedient.

Per order.

IVORY LORD.

MINORITY REPORT.

The undersigned, a minority of the Committee on Education, which was instructed by an order of the Legislature to inquire into the expediency of amending the laws relating to the raising of money for the support of common schools, so that the mill tax should be increased and the per capita tax reduced, dissenting from the conclusions arrived at by the majority of your Committee, ask leave to report the accompanying bills.

Per order.

E. C. FARRINGTON.
CALEB A. CHAPLIN.
W. J. CORTHELL.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend section one, chapter forty-three of the public laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-two, relating to the school mill fund.

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

SECTION 1. Section one is hereby amended by striking out the words "one mill" in the first line of said section, and insert instead thereof 'two mills'; also to add to said section the following : 'The state treasurer being hereby authorized to deduct and retain from the moneys authorized to be raised by this act, an amount sufficient to meet the demands upon the state, required by the free high school law, the remaining portion to be distributed as provided by chapter forty-three of the public laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-two providing for the distribution of the school mill fund,' so that said section shall read as follows :

Sect. 1. A tax of two mills per dollar is hereby annually assessed upon all the property in the state

15 according to the valuation thereof, and shall be known
16 as the mill tax for the support of common schools ;
17 the state treasurer being hereby authorized to deduct
18 and retain from the moneys authorized to be raised by
19 this act, an amount sufficient to meet the demands
20 upon the state required by the free high school law,
21 the remaining portion to be distributed as provided by
22 chapter forty-three of the public laws of eighteen hun-
23 dred and seventy-two, providing for the distribution
24 of the school mill fund.

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

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend section one of chapter fifty-six of the public laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-two, relating to the school mill fund.

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

SECTION 1. Section one is hereby amended by striking out in line two the word "eighty" and insert instead thereof the word 'sixty,' so that section five, chapter eleven of the school laws shall read as follows :

Sect. 5. Every city town and plantation shall raise and expend annually, for the support of schools therein, a sum of money, exclusive of the income of any corporate school fund, or of any grant from the revenue or funds from the state, or of any voluntary donation, devise or bequest, or of any forfeiture accruing to the use of schools, not less than sixty cents for each inhabitant, according to the census of the state, by

14 which representatives to the legislature were last ap-
15 portioned, under penalty of forfeiting not less than
16 twice, nor more than four times the amount of its
17 deficiency ; and no town which neglects to raise the
18 amount of money required to be raised by this section,
19 shall during the year in which such neglect occurs,
20 receive any part of the state school fund, required to
21 be apportioned to the several towns by the treasurer
22 of state ; *provided however*, that all plantations shall
23 be entitled to receive their part of the state school
24 fund, when the inhabitants of such plantation shall
25 have paid their part of all state and county taxes, and
26 not otherwise.

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

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
January 31, 1873. }

Laid on the table on motion of Mr. CORTHELL of Calais, and
ordered to be printed, with the accompanying Minority Report.

S. J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*