

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

No. 14.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

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, school district, or union of school districts or towns, or individuals in any town or towns, shall establish and maintain a suitable free high school for such city, district, town or towns, and shall annually make special appropriation by tax or otherwise for the same, the state by this act shall appropriate annually in aid of said free high schools, not already provided for by state aid, a sum equal to the amount raised and actually paid by each city, town, school district, or union of school districts or towns, for the like purpose ; in no case to exceed five hundred dollars on the part of the state for

13 any one school in said city, district or town in any
14 one year; said appropriation to be paid from the
15 treasury on or after November first of each year, upon
16 proper certification by the governor and council, as
17 provided in section four of this act.

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

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

SECT. 4. Prior to making or paying any appropria-
2 tion by the state in aid of such school, satisfactory
3 evidence shall be furnished to the state superintendent
4 of common schools, and by this officer to the governor
5 and council, that the city, town, district, or union of
6 school districts or towns asking aid, has complied with
7 the conditions required in sections one and two of this
8 act; and a certificate thereof shall be issued by the
9 governor and council for the benefit of the city, town
10 or district entitled to such aid.

SECT. 5. Cities, towns and school districts are here-
2 by empowered to appropriate a portion of their school
3 money to sustain said free high school, as indicated in

4 this act, in addition to the special appropriation
5 required by section one.

SECT. 6. The free high school contemplated by this
2 act shall be free to all the youth in the school district
3 or districts, town or towns where the same shall be
4 established, on such conditions or attainments of schol-
5 arship as shall be fixed by the superintending school
6 committee of the town in which the same is located ;
7 and also to the youth in said town or towns residing
8 outside of said district or districts, by paying such
9 rates of tuition as the superintending school committee
10 of such town deem just and equitable, upon the same
11 conditions of scholarship ; and the same school may
12 be open to youth from other towns upon the same con-
13 ditions of scholarship and at such rates of tuition as
14 said superintending school committee may determine.

SECT. 7. Not more than two free high schools con-
2 templated in this act shall be established in any one
3 town.

SECT. 8. Any two school districts adjoining each
2 other, both lying in one town or in different towns, may
3 unite in establishing one free high school contemplated
4 in this act ; and in case two school districts lying in
5 different towns unite for this purpose, the youth of
6 each of said towns, residing outside of said districts,

7 shall be entitled to the same rights, and subject to the
8 same limitations and conditions as though said free
9 high school was established in one school district and
10 in one town.

SECT. 9. School districts where free high schools
2 shall be established by virtue of this act, are hereby
3 authorized for the purpose of sustaining the same, to
4 raise money, and levy a tax on the property in such
5 district, in the same manner as is now provided by law
6 for repairing and erecting school houses.

SECT. 10. Free high schools established and put in
2 operation under this act shall be under the control and
3 supervision of the superintending school committee of
4 the town where the same shall be located ; and with
5 the school agent of said district, said committee shall
6 employ suitable, competent teachers for the same.

SECT. 11. Supervisors of town schools, whenever
2 they shall be chosen instead of superintending school
3 committees, shall have the same powers and be subject
4 to the same duties under this act, as are superintending
5 school committees ; except when two or more towns
6 shall unite to establish a free high school, the super-
7 intending school committees of said towns, are hereby
8 constituted a joint board for the supervision and con-
9 trol of said school, and for the purposes specified in
10 section six.

SECT. 12. Cities and towns where the school district
2 system has, or shall hereafter be abolished, may estab-
3 lish in each not exceeding two free high shools, under
4 such regulations and rules as shall be prescribed by
5 the superintending school committees of such cities,
6 districts or towns, and be entitled to the benefits and
7 subject to the conditions and limitations contained in
8 this act.

SECT. 13. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent
2 with this act are hereby repealed.



STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, January 25, 1873.

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SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary.*