

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

No. 19.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to enable academies to surrender their property to cities, towns or plantations for the benefit of free high schools.

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

SECTION 1. The trustees of any academy or other corporation formed for educational purposes in this state, are hereby authorized to surrender the property belonging to said academy or corporation of every kind, real, personal and mixed, by a majority vote of such of said trustees as reside in this state, to the aldermen of any city, the selectmen of any town or the assessors of any plantation in which said academy or corporation is situated, for the purpose of turning the same into a free high school as hereinafter pro-

11 vided ; and said aldermen, selectmen or assessors, as
12 the case may be, for the time being shall be a board
13 of trustees to take and hold said property for the pur-
14 pose of maintaining a free high school forever, and it
15 shall be the duty of said officers upon receiving said
16 property to use proper diligence to make the same
17 produce income for the support of said free high
18 school.

SECT. 2. It shall be the duty of the treasurer of
2 said trustees when such vote is passed as provided in
3 section one, to convey, assign and deliver to the
4 municipal officers of said city, town and plantation,
5 all property, real, personal and mixed, belonging to
6 said academy or corporation for the purposes indicated
7 by this act.

SECT. 3. It shall be the duty of the municipality
2 accepting the property in trust as named in section one
3 to apply the income of said property towards the sup-
4 port of a free high school to be kept within said munic-
5 ipality at least twenty-two weeks in each year and to
6 provide suitable accommodations for the same. And
7 the superintending school committee or supervisor of
8 schools in said municipality shall determine the quali-
9 fications necessary to entitle any one wishing to enter
10 or attend said free high school, and no one shall be

11 entitled to attend said school without the certificate of
12 said officers to that effect.

SECT. 4. All scholars residing within the munici-
2 pality aforesaid, having the certificate named in sec-
3 tion three, may attend said school without tuition fee,
4 and all scholars not residents of said municipality,
5 wishing to attend said school, may do so upon such
6 terms and conditions as said school officers may im-
7 pose.

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

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 3, 1873.

Reported from the Committee on Education, by Mr. CHAPLIN
of Cumberland, and laid over to be printed under the Joint Rule.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary.*