

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# FIFTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE.

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HOUSE.

No. 48.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to amend the public laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-three, relating to free high schools.

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

SECTION 1. That the second section of chapter one  
2 hundred and twenty-four of the public laws of eighteen  
3 hundred and seventy-three, to establish free high  
4 schools, be amended, by adding the word " more " in  
5 the fourteenth line, so that said section shall read as  
6 follows :

7 *Sect. 2.* Any town may establish and maintain not  
8 exceeding two free high schools ; and when two such  
9 schools are maintained, shall be entitled to receive the  
10 same state aid as if the expenditures for both schools  
11 had been made for one school. Two or more adjoin-

12 ing towns may unite in establishing and maintaining a  
13 free high school, and both receive the same state aid  
14 as if such school had been maintained by one town.  
15 So long as any town shall decline to avail itself of the  
16 provisions of this act, any school district or union of  
17 districts in such town, may establish and maintain a  
18 free high school, and receive state aid the same as the  
19 town might have done ; *provided*, that no more than  
20 two such free high schools shall be established in any  
21 town, and that the amount of state aid extend to the  
22 districts in any town, shall not exceed the sum that  
23 the town might have received. Two or more adjoin-  
24 ing school districts in different towns may establish  
25 and maintain a union free high school, and, with the  
26 consent of both towns, may receive a proportional part  
27 of such state aid, to be determined as provided by  
28 section eight, but in no case to exceed the amount  
29 that either town might have received. Towns shall  
30 receive in trust and faithfully expend donations and  
31 bequests made to aid in the maintenance of free high  
32 schools, and shall receive state aid in such cases to the  
33 same extent and on the same conditions as if such  
34 schools had been established and maintained by taxa-  
35 tion ; *provided*, that no town shall be entitled to  
36 receive such state aid on any expenditure for a free  
37 high school or schools, made from the funds or proceeds

38 of the real estate of an academy or incorporated insti-  
39 tution of learning, surrendered or transferred to such  
40 town for educational purposes.

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

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
February 12, 1874. }

Reported from the Committee on Education, by Mr. MOULTON, and ordered printed under the Joint Rule.

S. J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*