

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 67.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend chapter one hundred and twenty-four
of the public laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-
three, entitled "an act in aid of free high schools."

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

Section one of chapter one hundred and twenty-four
2 of the public laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-
3 three is hereby amended by annexing the words " but
4 whenever a town or district shall desire to draw its
5 state aid semi-annually, such state aid shall be paid
6 from the state treasury on and after the first day of
7 June and first day of December of each year, *provided*
8 that the superintending school committee of such town
9 shall make semi-annually before the first day of June
10 and first day of December, such report as is required

11 in section eighth of said chapter." So that said sec-
12 tion when amended shall read as follows:

13 *Sect. 1.* Whenever any town shall have established
14 and maintained a free high school as provided by this
15 act, for at least ten weeks in any one year, such town
16 on complying with the condition herein set forth, shall
17 be entitled to receive from the state one-half the amount
18 actually expended for instruction in said school, not
19 however exceeding five hundred dollars from the state
20 to any one town; *provided*, that no town shall be en-
21 titled to such state aid unless the appropriation and
22 expenditure for such school on the part of said town
23 has been exclusive of the amounts required by law to
24 be expended for common school purposes. Such state
25 aid shall be paid from the state treasury on and after
26 the first day of December of each year upon certifica-
27 tion by the governor and council as provided by section
28 eight. But whenever a town or district shall desire
29 to draw its state aid semi-annually, such state aid shall
30 be paid from the state treasury on and after the first
31 day of June and the first day of December of each
32 year, *provided* that the superintending school commit-
33 tee of such town shall make semi-annually before the
34 first day of June and first day of December, such re-
35 port as is required in section eight of said chapter.
36 And to amend section five of said chapter by inserting

37 after the word "town" in the thirteenth line the words
38 "or of the state superintendent of common schools when
39 the district or districts so elect," so that said section
40 five shall read as follows :

41 *Sect. 5.* Free high schools established and main-
42 tained under the provisions of this act, shall be subject
43 to the laws of the state relating to common schools so
44 far as applicable, except as herein otherwise provided.
45 When established and maintained by a town, such free
46 high school or schools shall be under the supervision
47 and entire management of the superintending school
48 committee of such town. When established and main-
49 tained by a union of towns, such school shall be under
50 the supervision and entire management of the super-
51 intending school committees of such towns, who shall
52 constitute a joint board for that purpose. When estab-
53 lished and maintained by any district or union of dis-
54 tricts in the same town, such school shall be under the
55 supervision of the superintending school committee of
56 such town, or of the state superintendent of common
57 schools when the district or districts so elect, and under
58 the financial management of the agent of the school
59 districts in which such school is kept, who in connec-
60 tion with said committee or superintendent shall em-
61 ploy the teacher or teachers for the same. When
62 established and maintained by two districts in different

63 towns, such school shall be under the supervision of
64 the superintending school committees of such towns,
65 who shall constitute a joint board for that purpose, and
66 under the financial management of the agents of both
67 districts, who in connection with said committees shall
68 employ the teacher or teachers of such school.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 12, 1875. }

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S. J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*