

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

No. 20.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

[S. 38.] AN ACT amendatory of chapter one hundred
twenty-four of the public laws of the year eighteen hun-
dred and seventy-three, in aid of free high schools.

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

The second section of the one hundred and twenty-
2 fourth chapter of the public laws of the year one
3 thousand eight hundred seventy-three, is hereby
4 amended by striking out the words, "provided that no
5 town," in the twenty-third line of said section, and
6 inserting in lieu thereof the words, "furthermore any
7 town or district," also by inserting the words, "or
8 district" between the word "town," and the word
9 "for" in the twenty-seventh line of said section, so
10 that the same shall read when amended as follows :

11 *Sect. 2.* Any town may establish and maintain not
12 exceeding two free high schools ; and when two such
13 schools are maintained, shall be entitled to receive the
14 same state aid as if the expenditures of both schools
15 had been made for one school. Two or more adjoin-
16 ing towns may unite in establishing and maintaining a
17 free high school, and both receive the same state aid
18 as if such school had been maintained by one town.
19 So long as any town shall decline to avail itself of the
20 provisions of this act, any school district, or union of
21 districts in such town, may establish and maintain a
22 free high school, and receive state aid the same as the
23 town might have done ; *provided*, that no more than
24 two such free high schools shall be established in any
25 town, and that the amount of state aid extended to the
26 districts in any town shall not exceed the sum that the
27 town might have received. Two or more adjoining
28 school districts in different towns may establish and
29 maintain a union free high school, and, with the con-
30 sent of both towns, may receive a proportional part of
31 such state aid, to be determined as provided by section
32 eight, but in no case to exceed the amount that either
33 town might have received. Towns shall receive in
34 trust and faithfully expend donations and bequests
35 made to aid in the maintenance of free high schools,
36 and shall receive state aid in such cases to the same

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37 extent, and on the same conditions as if such schools
38 had been established and maintained by taxation ;
39 furthermore, any town or district shall be entitled to
40 receive such state aid on any expenditure for a free
41 high school or schools made from the funds or proceeds
42 of the real estate of an academy or incorporated insti-
43 tution of learning, surrendered or transferred to such
44 town or district for educational purposes.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, January 28, 1876.

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Somerset, and laid over to be printed under the Rule.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary.*