

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE

No. 45.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT concerning the education of deaf mutes.

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

SECTION 1. The governor, with the approval of
2 the council, is hereafter authorized to send such
3 indigent deaf and dumb children as he may deem
4 fit subjects for instruction at the expense of the
5 state, to the American asylum at Hartford, or to
6 the Portland school for the deaf and dumb at Port-
7 land, as the parents or guardian may designate in
8 their written application for aid.

SECT. 2. The governor is hereby authorized to
2 draw his warrant for such sums as shall be neces-
3 sary to pay for the instruction and support of such
4 pupils as may be sent to said institutions, respec-

5 tively, pursuant to the provisions of the preceding
6 section, the same not to exceed one hundred and
7 seventy-five dollars per year for each pupil.

SECT. 3. The following blank forms shall be used
2 in all applications:

1879.

To His Excellency the Governor of the State of Maine:

I, _____ of the town of _____
in the county of _____ and State of Maine, respectfully
represent to your Excellency that my _____ aged _____ years,
is a deaf and dumb child, and cannot be properly instructed
in the public schools of this State; and that I am unable, in
addition to my other necessary expenditures, to defray the
expense attending _____ instruction and support. I therefore
respectfully request that your Excellency will send _____ either
to the American Asylum at Hartford, or the Portland School
for the Deaf and Dumb, Portland, Maine.

Signed. _____

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The undersigned being acquainted with _____ a resident
of the _____ of _____ are of the opinion that the fore-
going statement made by him is true, and that (he or she) is
entitled to the benefit of the legislative appropriation for the
education of deaf and dumb persons.

Signed: _____ Mayor and Aldermen of the city of _____,
or Selectmen of the town of _____.

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I hereby certify that the above named _____ a deaf
mute, is free from all contagious diseases, and, as I believe,
from all immoralities of conduct; is neither sickly nor men-
tally weak, and is a fit subject for instruction at the expense
of the State. Signed: _____ M. D.

Questions to be answered by the parent or guardian :

1. Name of parents. 2. Residence. 3. Birthplace of parents. 4. Were they deaf and dumb? 5. Have they other children deaf and dumb? 6. Name of child. 7. Birthplace of child. 8. Was the child born deaf and dumb? 9. Has the child ever spoken? 10. If it has, when was hearing lost? 11. What was the cause? 12. Has the child ever been to school? 13. How much has the child been taught? 14. Is it preferred to have the child sent to the American Asylum at Hartford, or the Portland School for the Deaf at Portland, Maine? 15. Is the child mentally weak? 16. Does the child now speak; if so, how many words? 17. Remarks.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 1, 1879. }

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B. L. STAPLES, *Clerk.*