

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 17.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND EIGHTY.

AN ACT to amend section one of chapter eleven of the revised statutes, authorizing the consolidation of schools in certain cases.

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

Section one of chapter eleven of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto the following words, to wit: "but when in the judgment of the board consisting of the municipal officers and superintending school committee or supervisor the number of scholars in any district becomes too few for the profitable expenditure of the money apportioned to said district, said board may suspend the school in said district and cause the money to be expended for the benefit of the scholars in said

11 district in the adjoining district or districts. Said
12 board shall make a record of its decision in rela-
13 tion to the school in said district, sign the same and
14 cause it to be recorded by the town clerk, and such
15 decision shall remain in full force until annulled by
16 vote of the town or by the action of a subsequent
17 board. Said board may reserve not more than one-
18 half of the money appropriated to such districts to
19 be expended in their discretion, for the conveyance
20 of children of such districts to and from school," so
21 that when amended said section shall read as fol-
22 lows:

23 *Sect. 1.* A town at its annual meeting, or at a
24 meeting called for that purpose, may determine the
25 number and limits of the school districts therein,
26 but they shall not be altered, discontinued or an-
27 nexed to others except on the written recommen-
28 dation of the municipal officers and superintending
29 school committee, accompanied by a statement of
30 facts, and on conditions proper to preserve the
31 rights and obligations of the inhabitants; but
32 when in the judgment of the board consisting of
33 the municipal officers and superintending school
34 committee or supervisor, the number of scholars in
35 any district becomes too few for the profitable ex-
36 penditure of the money apportioned to said district,

37 said board may suspend the school in said district
38 and cause the money to be expended, for the ben-
39 efit of the scholars in said district, in the adjoining
40 district or districts. Said board shall make a record
41 of its decision in relation to the school in said dis-
42 trict, sign the same and cause it to be recorded by
43 the town clerk, and such decision shall remain in
44 full force until annulled by vote of the town or by
45 the action of a subsequent board. Said board may
46 reserve not more than one-half of the money appro-
47 priated to such districts to be expended, in their
48 discretion, for the conveyance of children of such
49 districts to and from school.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 9, 1880. }

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

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*