

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SIXTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 58.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to facilitate the preparation and issue of
the annual report of the state superintendent of
schools.

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

SECTION 1. Section eight of chapter one hundred
2 and twenty-four of the public laws of eighteen
3 hundred and seventy-three entitled "an act in aid
4 of free high schools," as amended by chapter two
5 hundred and twenty-nine of the public laws of
6 eighteen hundred and eighty, is further amended
7 by substituting for the word "December," in the
8 third line thereof, the word "June," so that said
9 section shall read as follows:

10 *Sect. 8.* The superintending school committee
11 or committees having the supervision of any free
12 high school or schools shall annually before the
13 first day of June make returns under oath to the
14 superintendent of common schools, on blanks pre-
15 pared and sent out by him, of the amount appro-
16 priated and also the amount expended by each
17 town or school district for instruction in such free
18 high school or schools during the current year;
19 also of the amount appropriated and the amount
20 expended for common school purposes by each
21 town or school district maintaining such free high
22 school or schools; the number of weeks which
23 such school or schools have been taught; the
24 wages paid each teacher; the number of pupils
25 registered; the average attendance; the number of
26 pupils in each branch of study pursued, and the
27 amount received for tuition. If the superintendent
28 of common schools shall be satisfied that the
29 provisions of this act have been complied with, he
30 shall certify to the governor and council the sum
31 which each town or district is entitled to receive
32 from the state under this chapter. If any town or
33 district is dissatisfied with the decision of the
34 superintendent of common schools, such town or

35 district may appeal to the governor and council.
36 The governor and council shall issue a certificate
37 to the treasurer of the town or agent of the district
38 for such amount as they may adjudge such town
39 or district is entitled to receive from the state
40 treasury. Any person or persons connected with
41 the management of such free high schools, either
42 as teacher, school agent, school committee or
43 supervisor, who shall in any way aid or abet in
44 defrauding the state into the payment in support
45 of said schools of more than is contemplated by
46 the spirit and tenor of this act, shall be punished
47 by a fine of not less than five hundred dollars or
48 by imprisonment in the county jail for not less
49 than one year.

SECT. 2. Section ninety-two of chapter eleven of
2 the revised statutes is hereby amended so as to
3 read as follows:

4 *Sect. 92.* The treasurer shall immediately after
5 the first day of July apportion to the towns all
6 state school funds for the year, according to the
7 list of children furnished by the superintendent of
8 common schools, as provided in section seventy-
9 four. The number of scholars belonging to a
10 town from which either the school committee or

(4)

11 the municipal authorities thereof have failed to
12 make the returns required by law, shall be reck-
13 oned by taking the number used as the basis of
14 the last apportionment, and deducting all scholars
15 set off to other towns or incorporated into a new
16 town within a year and one-tenth of the remainder,
17 and the residue shall be the basis of a new appor-
18 tionment. Immediately after making the appor-
19 tionment, the treasurer shall notify each town of
20 its proportion, which shall not be paid to any town
21 until its returns are made to the superintendent of
22 common schools.

STATE OF MAINE.

In HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 5, 1883. }

Reported by Mr. IVES, from the Committee on Education,
and ordered printed.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*