

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty - Third Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 73.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

An Act to amend section thirty-one of chapter eleven
of the Revised Statutes, relating to Free High
Schools.

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

SECTION 1. Section thirty-one of chapter eleven
2 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by strik-
3 ing out the word "wholly," in the fourth line, all of
4 the fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth lines. and
5 the words "prescribed courses of study," in the tenth
6 line, and by inserting in place thereof the words ' by
7 direction of the superintending school committee,'
8 so that said section as amended shall read:

‘SECTION 31. The course of study in the free
10 high schools shall embrace the ordinary English
11 academic studies, especially the natural sciences in
12 their application to mechanics, manufactures and
13 agriculture; but the ancient or modern languages
14 shall not be taught therein, except by direction of
15 the superintending school committees having
16 supervision thereof. Such schools, when estab-
17 lished by any town or union of towns, shall be
18 free to all the youth in such town or towns, on
19 such attainments of scholarship as shall be fixed
20 by the committees having supervision thereof.
21 When such school is established by any district or
22 union of districts, it shall be free in the same man-
23 ner to the scholars within such districts, and open
24 also to scholars passing the required examination
25 from without such districts, but within the towns
26 in which said districts are situated, on payment to
27 the agent of the district in which such school is
28 located, of such tuition, to be fixed by the super-
29 intending school committee or committees having
30 supervision of the same, as is equivalent to the
31 cost a scholar of maintaining such school, after
32 deducting the aid extended by the State. When-
33 ever, in the judgment of the superintending
34 school committees having the supervision of any

35 free high school or schools, the number of pupils
36 in the same may be increased without detriment,
37 scholars from without the towns, directly interested
38 in such school or schools, may be admitted to the
39 same on passing the required examination and
40 paying such tuition as may be fixed by such com-
41 mittee, to the treasurer of the town in which the
42 school is kept, when the school is maintained by a
43 town or union of towns, or to the agent of the
44 district in which the school is kept, when such
45 school is maintained by a district or union of
46 districts.'

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect when ap-
2 proved.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, March 5, 1887.

Reported by Mr. LORD, from Committee on Education, and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

CHARLES W. TILDEN, *Secretary.*