

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Sixty-Fourth Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 129.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to amend section thirty-one of chapter one  
hundred of the Public Laws of 1887, relating to  
the teaching of Music in Free High Schools.

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

SECTION 1. Section thirty-one of chapter one  
2 hundred of the Public Laws of 1887 is hereby  
3 amended by inserting after "languages" in the  
4 fifth line the words 'and music,' so that said sec-  
5 tion as amended shall read:

'SECT. 31. The course of study in the free high  
7 schools shall embrace the ordinary English aca-  
8 demic studies, especially the natural sciences in  
9 their application to mechanics, manufactures and

10 agriculture; but the ancient or modern languages  
11 and music shall not be taught therein except by  
12 direction of the superintending school committees,  
13 having supervision thereof. Such schools, when  
14 established by any town or union of towns, shall  
15 be free to all the youth in such town or towns, on  
16 such attainments of scholarship as shall be fixed  
17 by the committee having supervision thereof.  
18 When such school is established by any district or  
19 union of districts, it shall be free in the same man-  
20 ner to the scholars within such districts, and open  
21 also to scholars passing the required examination  
22 from without such districts, but within the towns  
23 in which such districts are situated, in payment to  
24 the agent of the district in which such school is  
25 located, of such tuition, to be fixed by the super-  
26 intending school committee or committees having  
27 supervision of the same, as is equivalent to the cost  
28 a scholar of maintaining such school, after deduct-  
29 ing the aid extended by the State. Whenever in  
30 the judgment of the superintending school com-  
31 mittee having the supervision of any free high  
32 school or schools, the number of pupils in the same  
33 may be increased without detriment, scholars from  
34 without the towns, directly interested in such school

35 or schools, may be admitted to the same on passing  
36 the required examination and paying such tuition  
37 as may be fixed by such committee, to the treas-  
38 urer of the town in which the school is kept, when  
39 the school is maintained by a town or union of  
40 towns, or to the agent of the district in which the  
41 school is kept, where such school is maintained by  
42 a district or union of districts.

STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
February 11, 1889. }

Reported from Committee on Education by Mr. GOODWIN of Skowhegan; ordered printed under joint rule.

NICHOLAS FESSENDEN, *Clerk.*