

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Sixth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 127.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to provide for the Free Education of the Deaf
and Dumb and the Blind.

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

SECTION 1. Upon the request of the parents or guar-
2 dians the governor may, with the approval of the coun-
3 cil, send such deaf mutes, or deaf children, or blind chil-
4 dren, as he may deem fit subjects for education, for a
5 term not exceeding five years in the case of any pupil,
6 to the American Asylum at Hartford, Connecticut, or to
7 the Portland School for the Deaf at Portland, in the case
8 of deaf mutes or deaf children, and to the Perkins Institute
9 for the Blind at South Boston, Massachusetts, in the case
10 of blind children. In the exercise of the discretionary

11 power conferred by this act, no distinction shall be made
12 on account of the wealth or poverty of the parents or
13 guardians of such children. No such pupil shall be with-
14 drawn from such institutions or schools except with the
15 consent of the proper authorities thereof, or of the gov-
16 ernor; and the sums necessary for the support and in-
17 struction of such pupils in such institutions or school, in-
18 cluding all travelling expenses of such pupils attending
19 such institutions or schools, shall be paid by the State;
20 *provided, however,* that nothing herein contained shall
21 be held to prevent the voluntary payment of the whole
22 or any part of such sums by the parents or guardians of
23 such pupils.

SECT. 2. Sections one hundred twenty-six, one hun-
2 dred twenty-seven and one hundred twenty-eight of chap-
3 ter eleven of the Revised Statutes of eighteen hundred
4 eighty-three are hereby repealed.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 16, 1893. }

Reported by Mr. LIBBY of Pittston, from Committee on Education,
and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*