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NEW DRAFT.

Sixty-Eighth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 187.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT amending section 28 of chapter 11 of the Revised Statutes as amended by chapter 216 of the Public Laws of 1893, and section 31 of said chapter 11 as amended by chapter 100 of the Public Laws of 1887, chapter 212 of the Public Laws of 1889 and chapter 216 of the Public Laws of 1893, relating to Free High Schools.

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

Sect. 1. Section 28 of chapter 11 of the Revised Statutes 2 as amended by chapter 216, Public Laws of 1893 is hereby 3 amended by inserting after the word "dollars" in the sixth

4 line, the following words, 'provided that such a course of
5 study is prescribed and followed in said school, as is
6 approved by the State superintendent of schools, but no
7 such aid shall be extended, directly or indirectly, to any
8 school which receives from the State any special appropria-
9 tion and further,' so that said section shall read as follows:

 'Any town which establishes and maintains a free high
11 school as provided by this section and the seven following
12 shall, on complying with the conditions hereinafter set forth,
13 receive from the State one half of the amount actually
14 expended for instruction in said school, not exceeding two
15 hundred and fifty dollars, provided that such a course of
16 study is prescribed and followed in said school, as is
17 approved by the State superintendent of schools, but no
18 such aid shall be extended, directly or indirectly, to any
19 school which receives from the State any special appropria-
20 tion and further provided that no town shall receive such
21 State aid unless its appropriation and expenditure for such
22 school, has been exclusive of the amounts required by law
23 for common school purposes. Such aid shall be paid from
24 the State treasury on and after the first day of December
25 upon certification by the Governor and Council, as provided
26 by section thirty-five. But whenever a town or precinct
27 desires to draw its aid semi-annually it shall be paid on the
28 first days of June and December, provided that the super-
29 intendent of such town makes, semi-annually, before said
30 days, the report required in section thirty-five.'

Sect. 2. Section 31 of chapter 11 of the Revised Statutes
2 as amended by chapter 100 of the Public Laws of 1887,
3 chapter 212 of the Public Laws of 1889 and chapter 216 of
4 the Public Laws of 1893 is hereby amended by striking out
5 that part of said section before the word "such," in the
6 seventh line thereof, so that said section shall read as fol-
7 lows:

'Such schools shall be free to all the youth in such town
9 or towns on such attainments of scholarship as shall be
10 fixed by the committees having supervision thereof. When
11 such school is established by any precinct or union of pre-
12 cincts, it shall be free in the same manner to the scholars
13 passing the required examination from without such pre-
14 cincts, but within the towns in which said precincts are sit-
15 uated, on payment to the agent of the precinct in which such
16 school is located, of such tuition, to be fixed by the super-
17 intending school committee or committees having super-
18 vision of the same, as is equivalent to the cost of a scholar
19 of maintaining such school, after deducting the aid extended
20 by the State. Whenever, in the judgment of the superin-
21 tending school committees having the supervision of any
22 free high school or schools, the number of pupils in the same
23 may be increased without detriment, scholars from without
24 the town, directly or indirectly interested in such school
25 or schools, may be admitted to the same on passing a
26 required examination and paying such tuition as may be
27 fixed by such committee, to the treasurer of the town in

28 which the school is kept, when the school is maintained by a
29 town or union of towns, or to the agent of the precinct in
30 which the school is kept, when such school is maintained
31 by a precinct or union of precincts.'

Sect. 3. All laws or parts of laws inconsistent herewith
2 are hereby repealed.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
March 2, 1897.

Reported by Mr. PATTANGALL of Machias, from Committee on Edu-
cation, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*