

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Eighth Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 181.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend section 31 of chapter 11, Revised Statutes of 1883, as amended by chapters 100 of the Public Laws of 1887, 212 of the Public Laws of 1889 and 216 of the Public Laws of 1893, defining course of study in free high schools.

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

Section 1. Section 31 is hereby amended by inserting
2 after the word "studies" and before the word "especially"
3 in the third line of said section the following words, viz. :
4 'which are taught in secondary schools,' and by striking
5 out in the tenth and eleventh lines of said section the
6 words, "on such attainments of scholarship as shall be
7 fixed by the committees having supervision thereof," and
8 inserting in lieu thereof the following words, viz. : 'who

9 have such scholastic attainments as will fit them to attend
10 such schools with profit, and the superintendent or super-
11 intending school committee having supervision thereof
12 shall make such examination of candidates for admission
13 to said schools as they consider necessary,' so that said
14 section thirty-one when amended shall read as follows :

 'Section 31. The course of study in the free high
16 schools, shall embrace the ordinary English academic
17 studies, which are taught in secondary schools, especially
18 the natural sciences in their application to mechanics,
19 manufactures and agriculture ; but the ancient or modern
20 languages and music shall not be taught therein except by
21 direction of the superintending school committees having
22 supervison thereof. Such schools, when established by
23 any town or union of towns, shall be free to all the youth
24 in such town or towns who have such scholastic attainments
25 as will fit them to attend such schools with profit, and
26 the superintendent, or superintending school committee,
27 having supervision thereof shall make such examination of
28 candidates for admission to said schools as they consider
29 necessary. When such school is established by any pre-
30 cinct or union of precincts, it shall be free in the same
31 manner to the scholars within such precincts, and open
32 also to scholars passing the required examination from
33 without such precincts, but within the towns in which said
34 precincts are situated, on payment to the agent of the pre-
35 cinct in which such school is located, of such tuition, to
36 be fixed by the superintending school committee or com-
37 mittees having supervision of the same, as is equivalent
38 to the cost a scholar of maintaining such school, after
39 deducting the aid extended by the state. Whenever in

40 the judgment of the superintending school committees
41 having the supervision of any free high school or schools,
42 the number of pupils in the same may be increased with-
43 out detriment, scholars from without the towns directly
44 interested in such school or schools, may be admitted to
45 the same on passing the required examination and paying
46 such tuition as may be fixed by such committee, to the
47 treasurer of the town in which the school is kept, when
48 the school is maintained by a town or union of towns, or
49 to the agent of the precinct in which the school is kept,
50 when such school is maintained by a precinct or union of
51 precincts.'

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, March 17, 1897.

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

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary.*