

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

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# Sixty-Ninth Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 201.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to amend section 3 of chapter 216 of the Public Laws  
of 1893 as amended by section 1, chapter 295 of the Public  
Laws of 1897.

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

Section 1. Section 3 of chapter 216 of the Public Laws of  
2 1893 is hereby further amended by inserting after the word  
3 "necessary" in the last line of said section as amended by  
4 section 1, chapter 295 of the Public Laws of 1897 the words  
5 'provided however, that the superintending school committee  
6 may authorize the superintendent of schools to pay the board  
7 of any scholar or scholars at a suitable place near any estab-  
8 lished school instead of providing conveyance for said scholar  
9 or scholars when in their judgment it may appear feasible

10 to do so,' so that said section as amended shall read as  
11 follows:

'Section 3. This act shall not abolish or change the loca-  
13 tion of any school legally established at the time of its pass-  
14 age; but any town at its annual meeting, or at a meeting  
15 called for the purpose, may determine the number and loca-  
16 tion of its schools and may discontinue them or change their  
17 location; but such discontinuance or change of location shall  
18 be made only on the written recommendation of the superin-  
19 tending school committee, and on conditions proper to pre-  
20 serve the just rights and privileges of the inhabitants for  
21 whose benefit such schools were established; provided, how-  
22 ever, that in case of any school having, as now established,  
23 or which shall hereafter have, too few scholars for its profit-  
24 able maintenance, the superintending school committee may  
25 suspend the operation of such school for not more than one  
26 year, unless otherwise instructed by the town, but any public  
27 school failing to maintain an average attendance for any  
28 school year, of at least eight pupils, shall be and hereby is  
29 suspended, unless the town in which said school is located  
30 shall by vote instruct its superintending school committee to  
31 maintain said school. The superintendent of schools in each  
32 town shall procure the conveyance of all public school pupils  
33 residing in his town, to and from the nearest suitable school,  
34 for the number of weeks for which schools are maintained  
35 in each year, when such pupils reside at such a distance from  
36 the said school as to render such conveyance necessary.  
37 Provided however, that the superintending school committee  
38 may authorize the superintendent of schools to pay the board

39 of any pupil or pupils at a suitable place near any established  
40 school instead of providing conveyance for said pupil or  
41 pupils when in their judgment it may be done at an equal  
42 or less expense than by conveyance.'

Sect. 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this  
2 act are hereby repealed.

STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, February 27, 1899.

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

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*