

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Sixty-Ninth Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 240

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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, Public Laws of 1893, as amended by Chapter 295, Public Laws of 1897, relating to Discontinuing Schools and Conveying School Children.

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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, Public Laws of 1893, 2 as amended by chapter 295, Public Laws of 1897, is hereby 3 further amended by inserting after the word "as" in the last 4 line of section 3, the words 'in the judgment of the superin- 5 tending school committee shall' and striking out the word 6 "to" before the words "render such conveyance necessary" 7 so that said section when amended, shall read as follows: 8 'This act shall not abolish or change the location of any 9 school legally established at the time of its passage; but any

10 town at its annual meeting, or at a meeting called for the  
11 purpose, may determine the number and location of its  
12 schools, and may discontinue them or change their location;  
13 but such discontinuance or change of location shall be made  
14 only on the written recommendation of the superintending  
15 school committee, and on conditions proper to preserve the  
16 just rights and privileges of the inhabitants for whose bene-  
17 fit such schools were established; provided, however, that in  
18 case of any school having, as now established, or which shall  
19 hereafter have, too few scholars for its profitable mainte-  
20 nance, the superintending school committee may suspend the  
21 operation of such school for not more than one year, unless  
22 otherwise instructed by the town, but any public school fail-  
23 ing to maintain an average attendance for any school year, of  
24 at least eight pupils, shall be and hereby is suspended, unless  
25 the town in which said school is located shall by vote, instruct  
26 its superintending school committee to maintain said school.  
27 The superintendent of schools in each town shall procure the  
28 conveyance of all public school pupils, residing in his town,  
29 to and from the nearest suitable school, for the number of  
30 weeks for which schools are maintained in each year, when  
31 such pupils reside at such a distance from the said school as  
32 in the judgment of the superintending school committee shall  
33 render such conveyance necessary.'



STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, March 2, 1899.

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

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*