

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Ninth Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 106

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to provide for the Schooling of Children in
Unorganized Townships.

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

Section 1. Whenever in any unorganized township in this
2 State there shall be two or more children between the ages
3 of four and twenty-one years, the State superintendent of
4 schools shall cause an enumeration of said children to be
5 made, and returned to him, and shall provide for the school-
6 ing of said children, either by establishing a school in the
7 township, or by sending the children to schools in adjoining
8 towns or plantations, or both, as shall by him be deemed
9 expedient. In case any of said children are, by the State

10 superintendent, sent to schools in adjoining towns or plan-
11 tations, said children so sent shall have the same rights in
12 such school as children resident in said town or plantation.
13 Provided, however, that in case the interest on the reserve
14 fund in any unorganized township together with the amount
15 arising from the per capita tax called for in this act, is not
16 sufficient to provide schooling for the children of said town-
17 ship for at least twenty weeks in a year, the remainder of
18 the expense shall be paid from the fund appropriated by sec-
19 tion 4 of this act. Provided further, that no money shall be
20 expended under this section for the benefit of any township
21 until the inhabitants of said township shall pay to the State
22 treasurer a sum equal to twenty-five cents for each inhabitant
23 thereof.

Sect. 2. The State superintendent shall certify to the gov-
2 ernor and council the number and residence of the children
3 enumerated and schooled, as provided in section 1 of this
4 chapter, together with the cost of schooling said children and
5 the governor and council shall direct the treasurer of State
6 to pay to the State superintendent of schools so much of the
7 interest on the reserve land fund of the township in which
8 said children reside as, added to the amount received from
9 the inhabitants of the township from the per capita tax, shall
10 pay the expense of said school. The State superintendent
11 of schools shall pay to the treasurer of any town or planta-
12 tion in which he may school any of said children, the same
13 amount per scholar as is apportioned per scholar by the State
14 treasurer for that year.

Sect. 3. The State superintendent of schools shall have
2 power to appoint agents for the several townships in which
3 schools shall be established under this act, whose duty it shall
4 be under the direction of the State superintendent to enumer-
5 ate the pupils, collect the per capita tax, employ the teacher
6 and attend to all necessary details in connection with said
7 schools; for which work he shall be paid a sum not exceeding
8 two dollars per day, when actually employed in this duty,
9 and actual necessary travelling expenses.

Sect. 4. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of
2 this act there is hereby appropriated the sum of fifteen hun-
3 dred dollars annually.

Sect. 5. All former acts and parts of acts inconsistent with
2 this act are hereby repealed.

Sect. 6. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, March 8, 1899.

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

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary.*