

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Seventieth Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 310

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to amend section three of chapter two hundred and sixteen of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-three, relating to conveyance of scholars.

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

Section three of chapter two hundred and sixteen of the  
2 Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-three, as  
3 amended by chapter two hundred and ninety-five of the  
4 Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-seven and by  
5 chapters forty-eight and seventy-four of the Public Laws of  
6 eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, is hereby further  
7 amended by inserting after the word "town" in the twenty-  
8 first line of said section, as amended by chapter seventy-

9 four of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred ninety-nine,  
10 the words 'a part or the whole of the distance,' so that said  
11 section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 3. This act shall not abolish or change the location  
13 of any school legally established at the time of its passage;  
14 but any town at its annual meeting, or at a meeting called  
15 for the purpose, may determine the number and location of  
16 its schools, and may discontinue them or change their  
17 location; but such discontinuance or change of location  
18 shall be made only on the written recommendation of the  
19 superintending school committee and on conditions proper  
20 to preserve the just rights and privileges of the inhabitants  
21 for whose benefit such schools were established; provided,  
22 however, that in case of any school having, as now estab-  
23 lished, or which shall hereafter have, too few scholars for  
24 its profitable maintenance, the superintending school com-  
25 mittee may suspend the operation of such school for not  
26 more than one year unless otherwise instructed by the town,  
27 but any public school failing to maintain an average attend-  
28 ance for any school year, of at least eight pupils, shall be  
29 and hereby is suspended, unless the town in which said  
30 school is located shall by vote instruct its superintending  
31 school committee to maintain said school. The super-  
32 intendent of schools in each town shall procure the convey-  
33 ance of all public school pupils residing in his town, a part  
34 or the whole of the distance, to and from the nearest suit-  
35 able school, for the number of weeks for which schools are  
36 maintained in each year, when such pupils reside at such

37 a distance from the said school as in the judgment of the  
38 superintending school committee shall render such con-  
39 veyance necessary. Provided, however, that the super-  
40 intending school committee may authorize the superintend-  
41 ent of schools, to pay the board of any pupil or pupils at a  
42 suitable place near any established school instead of pro-  
43 viding conveyance for said pupil or pupils, when in their  
44 judgment it may be done at an equal or less expense than by  
45 conveyance.'

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, March 6, 1901.

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

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*