

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Seventy-first Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 288

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to amend section 57 of chapter 11 of Revised Statutes  
as amended by chapter 211 of the Public Laws of 1901.

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

Section fifty-seven of chapter eleven of the Revised Statutes,  
2 as amended by chapter two hundred and eleven of the Public  
3 Laws of nineteen hundred and one, is hereby amended by  
4 adding after the last word of said section, the following:  
5 'and all schoolhouse lots and play grounds that require fenc-  
6 ing shall be fenced by the town or city,' so that said section  
7 as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 57. When a location for the erection or removal of  
9 a schoolhouse and requisite buildings have been legally desig-  
10 nated, and the owner thereof refuses to sell, or, in the opinion  
11 of the municipal officers, ask an unreasonable price for it, or  
12 resides without the State and has no authorized agent or

13 attorney therein, they may lay out a schoolhouse lot, not  
14 exceeding three acres, and appraise the damages therefor ;  
15 and on payment or tender of such damages, or if such owner  
16 does not reside in the State, upon depositing such damages  
17 in the treasury of such town or district for his use, the town  
18 or district designating it may take such lot to be held and  
19 used for the purposes aforesaid ; and when such schoolhouse  
20 has ceased to be thereon for two years, said lot reverts to the  
21 owner, his heirs or assigns. And any town or city may take  
22 real estate for the enlargement or extension of any location  
23 designated for the erection or removal of a schoolhouse and  
24 requisite buildings and play grounds, as herein provided ; but  
25 no real estate shall be so taken within fifty feet of a dwelling  
26 house, and all schoolhouse lots and play grounds that require  
27 fencing shall be fenced by the town or city.'



STATE OF MAINE.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, March 7, 1903.

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

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*