

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Seventy-first Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 511

STATE OF MAINE.

The Committee on Education to which was referred the bill, entitled "An Act relating to the apportionment of the State school fund and mill tax" have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report and that it ought not to pass.

WILSON,
PIERCE,
J. W. PERKINS,
G. W. IRVING,
EUGENE THOMAS,
THOMPSON.

The Committee on Education to which was referred the bill, entitled "An Act relating to the apportionment of the State school fund and mill tax" have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report the same in a new draft under same title and that it ought to pass.

RANDALL,
MEAD,
STEARNS.

NEW DRAFT.

Seventy-first Legislature.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT relating to the apportionment of the State School Fund
and Mill Tax.

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

Section 1. Section 117 of chapter 11 of Revised Statutes is
2 hereby amended by striking out all of said section after the
3 word "towns," and substituting in lieu thereof the words,
4 'one-half according to the average number of children
5 between five and twenty-one years of age attending the public
6 schools during the preceding year, and one-half upon the
7 basis of the average number of weeks each child is enrolled
8 and in attendance at said public schools' so that said section,
9 as amended, shall read as follows:

"The treasurer of State shall keep a separate account of all
11 moneys received from sales of lands appropriated for the
12 support of schools or from notes taken therefor, and of any

13 other moneys appropriated for the same purpose; and such
14 sum shall constitute a permanent school fund, which may be
15 put at interest as the legislature directs. A sum equal to six
16 per cent of the amount of such fund, and all money received
17 by the State from the tax on banks, and one-half the sum
18 received by the State from the tax in the franchises of savings
19 banks, shall be annually appropriated to the support of com-
20 mon schools, and distributed among the several towns, one-
21 half according to the average number of children between five
22 and twenty-one years of age attending the public schools
23 during the preceding year, and one half upon the basis of the
24 average number of weeks each child is enrolled and in attend-
25 ance in said public schools.'

Sect. 2. Section 121 of chapter 11 of the Revised Statutes
2 is hereby amended by striking out the words, "to the number
3 of scholars therein" in line three and by substituting in lieu
4 thereof the words, 'one half according to the average number
5 of children between five and twenty-one years of age attend-
6 ing the public schools during the preceding year, and one half
7 upon the basis of the average number of weeks each child is
8 enrolled and in attendance in said public schools, as shown
9 by section 117' so that said section as amended, shall read
10 as follows. 'This fund shall be distributed by the treasurer
11 of State, on the first day of January, annually, to the several
12 cities, towns and plantations, one-half according to the aver-
13 age number of children between five and twenty-one years
14 of age attending the public schools during the preceding year,
15 and one-half upon the basis of the average number of weeks
16 each child is enrolled and in attendance in said public schools.'

Sect. 3. Chapter 289 of the Public Laws of 1897 is hereby
2 amended by striking out the words, "The number of persons
3 between the ages of four and twenty-one years" in the second
4 and third lines, and substituting in lieu thereof the words,
5 'the average number of children between five and twenty-one

6 years of age, attending the public schools, and the average
7 number of weeks each child is enrolled and in attendance in
8 said public schools' so that said section, as amended, shall
9 read as follows :

'He shall give in his returns the average number of children,
11 between five and twenty-one years of age, attending the public
12 schools, and the average number of weeks each child is
13 enrolled and in attendance in said public schools, corrected to
14 the first day of April preceding the time of making said
15 returns, and full and complete answers to the inquiries con-
16 tained in the blank forms furnished him by law ; certify that
17 such statement is true and correct, according to his best
18 knowledge and belief ; and transmit it to the office of the State
19 superintendent on or before the first day of each May. He
20 shall also furnish such other information relating to the public
21 schools as the said superintendent shall at any time require
22 of him.'

Sect. 4. Paragraph 3 of section 98 of chapter 11 of the
2 Revised Statutes as amended by chapter 216, of the Public
3 Laws of 1893, and by chapter 120 of the Public Laws of 1895,
4 is hereby further amended by striking out all of said para-
5 graph after the word "age" and substituting in lieu thereof
6 the following, 'belonging to his town, on the first day of April
7 preceding, the average number of said children attending the
8 public schools during the preceding year, and the average
9 number of weeks each child is enrolled and in attendance in
10 said public schools,' so that said paragraph, as amended, shall
11 read as follows :

'The number of children between five and twenty-one years
13 of age, belonging to his town, on the first day of April pre-
14 ceding, the average number of said children attending the
15 public schools during the preceding year, and the average
16 number of weeks each child is enrolled and in attendance in
17 said public school.'

Sect. 5. Section 106 of chapter 11 of Revised Statutes is
2 hereby amended by striking out the words “number of chil-
3 dren between four and twenty-one years of age” and sub-
4 stituting in lieu thereof the words, ‘the average number of
5 children between five and twenty-one years of age, attending
6 the public schools during the preceding year, and the average
7 number of weeks each child is enrolled and in attendance in
8 said public schools’ so that said section, as amended, shall
9 read as follows:

‘He shall, on the first day of each June, notify the school
11 committee if any town where returns were not received at his
12 office in May, and shall, annually, ascertain on the first day
13 of July, the average number of children between five and
14 twenty-one years of age attending the public schools during
15 the preceding year and the average number of weeks each
16 child is enrolled and in attendance in said public schools, in
17 the towns from which returns are received, and furnish a list
18 thereof to the treasurer of State.’

Sect. 6. This act shall take effect January 1, 1904.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, March 20, 1903.

Tabled pending acceptance of either report, by Mr. RANDALL of Freeport, and with bill in new draft, ordered printed.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*