

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 485

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend section two of chapter fifteen of the Revised
Statutes relating to public schools.

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

Section 1. Section two of chapter fifteen of the Revised
2 Statutes is hereby amended by striking out the word “pub-
3 lic” in line twenty-two of said section, and inserting in place
4 thereof the word ‘common,’ so that said section when
5 amended shall read as follows:

‘Sect. 2. The location of any school legally established
7 prior to March seventeen, eighteen hundred and ninety-three
8 continues unchanged, notwithstanding the district is abol-
9 ished; but any town at its annual meeting, or at a meeting
10 called for the purpose, may determine the number and loca-

11 tion of its schools, and may discontinue them or change their
12 location ; but such discontinuance or change of location shall
13 be made only on the written recommendation of the super-
14 intending school committee, and on conditions proper to pre-
15 serve the just rights and privileges of the inhabitants for
16 whose benefits such schools were established ; provided, how-
17 ever, that in case any school shall hereafter have too few
18 scholars for its profitable maintenance, the superintending
19 school committee may suspend the operation of such school
20 for not more than one year unless otherwise instructed by
21 the town, but any public school failing to maintain an aver-
22 age attendance for any school year, of at least eight pupils,
23 shall be and hereby is suspended, unless the town in which
24 said school is located shall by vote, at the annual meeting,
25 after the said committee shall have made a written recom-
26 mendation to that effect, instruct its superintending school
27 committee to maintain said school. The superintendent of
28 schools in each town shall procure the conveyance of all
29 common school pupils residing in his town, a part or the
30 whole of the distance, to and from the nearest suitable
31 school, for the number of weeks for which schools are main-
32 tained in each year, when such pupils reside at such a dis-
33 tance from the said school as in the judgment of the super-
34 intending school committee shall render such conveyance
35 necessary. Provided, however, that the superintending
36 school committee may authorize the superintendent of
37 schools to pay the board of any pupil or pupils at a suit-

38 able place near any established school instead of providing
39 conveyance for said pupil or pupils, when in their judgment
40 it may be done at an equal or less expense than by con-
41 veyance.'

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, March 9, 1907.

Reported by Mr. MURPHY from Committee on Education, and
ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*