

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the
LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 88

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT for the improvement of Free High Schools.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Section 1. No school shall be regarded as a high school
2 within the meaning of any of the provisions of chapter fif-
3 teen of the revised statutes unless such school shall be in-
4 cluded in the following classes:

Class A. This class shall include such schools as maintain
6 at least one approved course of study through four years of
7 thirty-six weeks each and of standard grade, together with
8 approved laboratory equipment, and shall employ at least two
9 teachers; provided the town, precinct or union maintaining
10 such school shall appropriate and expend for instruction

11 therein at least seven hundred and fifty dollars annually ex-
12 clusive of all tuitions received.

Class B. This class shall include such schools as maintain
14 one approved course of study through at least two years of
15 thirty-six weeks each and of standard grade, together with
16 approved equipment, provided the town precinct or union
17 maintaining such school shall appropriate and expend for
18 instruction therein at least five hundred dollars annually ex-
19 clusive of all tuitions received.

Class C. This class shall include such schools as maintain
21 at least one approved course of study through four years of
22 thirty weeks each; provided the town, precinct or union
23 maintaining such school shall appropriate and expend for in-
24 struction therein at least four hundred and fifty dollars an-
25 nually exclusive of all tuitions received.

Sect. 2. A town, precinct or union maintaining a high
2 school, as defined in section one of this act, shall be rein-
3 bursed by the State for two-thirds the amount paid for in-
4 struction in such school; but in no case shall more than five
5 hundred dollars be paid by the State to a town, precinct or
6 union in any one year.

Sect. 3. A town, precinct or union maintaining a High
2 School, as provided in Class A. of Section 1 of this act, shall
3 not be obliged to pay tuition under Sections 63 and 64 of
4 Chapter 15, a town, precinct or union maintaining a High
5 School, as provided in Class B. of Section 1 shall not be
6 obliged to pay tuition for any pupil until he has completed

7 the first two years of the course, of the Class B. school, and
8 for only two years of subsequent work ; a town, precinct or
9 union maintaining a High School, as provided in Class C. of
10 Section 1, shall be obliged to pay tuition for such portion of a
11 four years' course as may be determined by the State Super-
12 intendent of Public Schools.

Sect. 4. All schools of secondary grade receiving state aid
2 shall be inspected annually under the direction of the state
3 superintendent of public schools, and he shall determine what
4 schools are included in the classification of section one of
5 this act, what schools maintain approved courses of study,
6 what schools are entitled to state aid and what schools main-
7 tain approved courses for the reception of tuition scholars.

Sect. 5. After this act takes effect all other state aid for
2 high schools as provided by law shall cease.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Augusta, February 3, 1909.

Reported by Mr. HIGGINS from Committee on Education
and ordered printed and recommitteed.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*