

SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 154

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend Sections Thirteen and One Hundred and twenty-four of Chapter fifteen of the Revised Statutes as amended by Chapter One Hundred and Eleven of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Seven relating to the mill fund and school tax.

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

Section 1. Section thirteen of chapter fifteen of the Re-2 vised Statutes as amended by Section one of Chapter one 3 hundred and eleven of the Public Laws of 1907 is hereby 4 amended by striking out in the sixth line thereof the word 5 "fifty-five" and inserting in its stead the word "thirty" so 6 that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Section 13. Every town shall raise and expend, annually, 8 for the support of common schools therein, exclusive of the

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9 income of any corporate school fund, or of any grant from 10 the revenue or fund from the State, or of any voluntary 11 donation, devise or bequest, or of any forfeiture accruing 12 to the use of schools, not less than thirty cents for each in-13 habitant, according to the census by which representatives 14 to the legislature were last apportioned, under penalty of for-15 feiting not less than twice nor more than four times the 16 amount of its deficiency, and all moneys provided by towns, 17 or apportioned by the State for the support of common 18 schools, shall be expended for the maintenance of common 19 schools established and controlled by the towns by which 20 said moneys are provided, or to which said moneys are ap-21 portioned.

Sect. 2. Section one hundred and twenty-four of chap-2 ter fifteen of the Revised Statutes as amended by section two 3 of chapter one hundred and eleven of the Public Laws of 4 nineteen hundred and seven is hereby amended by striking 5 out the words "one and one-half" in the first line thereof and 6 inserting in their place the words "two and one-half mills" 7 so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Section 124. A tax of two and one-half mills on a dollar 9 shall annually be assessed upon all the property in the State 10 according to the valuation thereof, and shall be known as 11 the mill tax for the support of common schools.

Sect. 3. This act shall take effect January first, nineteen 2 hundred and ten.

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House of Representatives,

Augusta, Feb. 11, 1909.

Tabled pending reference to a committee by Mr. PIKE of Eastport and ordered printed.

E. M. THOMPSON, Clerk.