

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 675

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT relating to the Common School Fund and the means
of providing for and distributing the same.

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

Section 1. A tax of one and one-half mills on a dollar shall
2 annually be assessed upon all of the property in the State
3 according to the valuation thereof and shall be known as
4 the tax for the support of the Common Schools.

Sect. 2. This tax shall be assessed and collected in the
2 same manner as other State taxes and shall be paid into the
3 State Treasury and designated as the Common School Fund.

Sect. 3. One-third of this fund shall be distributed by the
2 Treasurer of the State on the first day of January, annually,
3 to the several cities, towns and plantations according to the

4 number of scholars therein, as the same shall appear from
5 the official returns made to the State Superintendent of Pub-
6 lic Schools for the preceding year and the remaining two-
7 thirds of said fund shall be distributed by the Treasurer
8 of State on the first day of January, annually, to the
9 several cities, towns and plantations according to the valua-
10 tion thereof as the same shall be fixed by the State Asses-
11 sors, for the preceding year.

Sect. 4. All of the said fund not distributed or expended
2 during the financial year, shall at its close, be added to the
3 permanent School Fund.

Sect. 5. All moneys provided by towns, or apportioned
2 by the State for the support of Common Schools, shall be
3 expended for the maintenance of Common Schools, estab-
4 lished and controlled by the towns by which said moneys are
5 provided, or to which said moneys are apportioned.

Sect. 6. Whenever a tax of one and one-half mills on the
2 valuation of any city or town fails to yield a sum of money
3 equal to fifty-five cents per inhabitant of such city or town,
4 it shall be compulsory upon such city or town to raise, by
5 local taxation, a further sum of money, for the support of its
6 Common Schools, which shall equal the difference between
7 the amount produced by a tax of one and one-half mills on
8 its valuation and the sum of fifty-five cents per inhabitant.

Sect. 7. The passage of this act shall in no wise affect
2 the provisions of Sections 124, 125, 126 and 127 of Chapter
3 15 of the Revised Statutes.



STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, March 18, 1909.

Reported by Mr. PATTANGALL from Committee on Taxation and ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*