

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE.

No. 121

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend section two of chapter fifteen of the Revised
Statutes relating to transportation of pupils.

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

Section 1. Section two of chapter fifteen of the revised
2 statutes is hereby amended by striking out the words “super-
3 intendent of schools” in the twenty-first line, the word “in”
4 in the twenty-second line, the word “his” in the twenty-
5 third line, and the words “for the number of weeks” in
6 the twenty-fourth line, and the words “for which schools
7 are maintained in each year” in the twenty-fifth line of
8 said section, and inserting the words ‘superintending school
9 committee of’ in the twenty-first line, the word ‘their’ in

10 the twenty-third line, and inserting the word 'said' in the
11 twenty-seventh line of said section, so that said section as
12 amended shall read as follows:

13 'Sect. 2. The location of any school legally established
14 prior to March seventeen, eighteen hundred and ninety-three,
15 continues unchanged, notwithstanding the district is abol-
16 ished; but any town at its annual meeting, or at a meeting
17 called for the purpose, may determine the number and loca-
18 tion of its schools, and may discontinue them or change their
19 location; but such discontinuance or change of location shall
20 be made only on the written recommendation of the super-
21 intending school committee, and on conditions proper to
22 preserve the just rights and privileges of the inhabitants
23 for whose benefit such schools were established; provided,
24 however, that in case any school shall hereafter have too
25 few scholars for its profitable maintenance, the superin-
26 tending school committee may suspend the operation of
27 such school for not more than one year unless otherwise
28 instructed by the town, but any public school failing to
29 maintain an average attendance for any school year, of at
30 least eight pupils, shall be and hereby is suspended, unless
31 the town in which said school is located shall by vote, at
32 the annual meeting after the said committee shall have made
33 a written recommendation to that effect, instruct its super-
34 intending school committee to maintain said school. The
35 superintending school committee of each town shall procure
36 the conveyance of all common school pupils residing in their

37 town a part or the whole of the distance to and from the
38 nearest suitable school, when such pupils reside at such a
39 distance from the said school as in the judgment of the
40 said superintending school committee shall render such con-
41 veyance necessary. Provided, however, that the superin-
42 tending school committee may authorize the superintendent
43 of schools to pay the board of any pupil or pupils at a
44 suitable place near any established school instead of pro-
45 viding conveyance for said pupil or pupils, when in their
46 judgment it may be done at an equal or less expense than
47 by conveyance.'

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE,

February 4, 1909.

Came from the House referred to the Committee on Education, and on motion by Mr. HOWES of Somerset tabled for printing pending reference in concurrence.

F. G. FARRINGTON, *Secretary*.