

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE.

No. 198

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 Re-
vised Statutes relating to the conveyance of pupils.

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

Section 1. Section two of Chapter fifteen is hereby amend-
ed by striking out the words "superintendent of schools" in
line eighteen of said section and inserting in place thereof
the words "superintending school committee" and by strik-
ing out the word "his" in line nineteen and inserting in place
thereof the word "their" and by striking out all words after
the word "school" in line twenty and inserting in place there-
of the words "or in lieu thereof such committee shall pay
to the parents, guardian, or those having charge, of such pu-
pils, such sum of money out of the common school fund as

11 in the judgment of the committee may be a just and fair
12 remuneration for such conveyance; and such conveyance, or
13 such payments in lieu thereof, shall be and continue for the
14 whole number of weeks for which the school to be attended
15 shall be maintained in each year, provided, such pupils re-
16 side at such distance from the said school as in the judgment
17 of the said committee shall render such conveyance, or such
18 payments in lieu thereof, necessary," so that said section
19 when amended shall read as follows:

'Section 2. The location of any school legally established
21 prior to March seventeen, eighteen hundred and ninety-
22 three continues unchanged, notwithstanding the district is
23 abolished; but any town at its annual meeting, or at a meeting
24 called for the purpose, may determine the number and loca-
25 tion of its schools, and may discontinue them or change their
26 location; but such discontinuance or change of location shall
27 be made only on the written recommendation of the super-
28 intending school committee, and on conditions proper to pre-
29 serve the just rights and privileges of the inhabitants for
30 whose benefit such schools were established; provided, how-
31 ever, that in case any school shall hereafter have too few
32 scholars for its profitable maintenance, the superintending
33 school committee may suspend the operation of such school
34 for not more than one year unless otherwise instructed by
35 the town, but any public school failing to maintain an average
36 attendance for any school year, of at least eight pupils, shall
37 be and hereby is suspended, unless the town in which said

38 school is located shall by vote, at the annual meeting, after
39 the said committee shall have made a written recommenda-
40 tion to that effect, instruct its superintending school commit-
41 tee to maintain said school. The superintending school
42 committee in each town shall procure the conveyance of all
43 public school pupils residing in their town a part or the
44 whole of the distance to and from the nearest suitable school,
45 or in lieu thereof such committee shall pay to the parent,
46 guardian or those having charge of such pupils, such sum
47 of money out of the common school fund as in the judgment
48 of the committee may be a just and fair remuneration for
49 such conveyance; and such conveyance, or such payments
50 in lieu thereof, shall be and continue for the whole number
51 of weeks for which the school to be attended shall be main-
52 tained in each year, provided, such pupils reside at such dis-
53 tance from the said school as in the judgment of the said
54 committee shall render such conveyance, or such payments
55 in lieu thereof, necessary.'

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE,

February 16, 1909.

Presented by Mr. KNOWLTON of Piscataquis and on motion by Mr. HASTINGS of Oxford tabled for printing.

F. G. FARRINGTON, *Secretary*.