

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE.

No. 424

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend section fifty-six of chapter fifteen of the
Revised Statutes relating to the conveyance of pupils in sec-
ondary schools.

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

Section 1. Section fifty-six of chapter fifteen is hereby
2 amended by inserting between the word "town" and the
3 word "towns" in the sixth line thereof the following 'Any
4 town may, in addition to the sums raised for the support of
5 high and common schools, raise and appropriate a sum for
6 the payment of conveyance of pupils attending secondary
7 schools, said sum to be expended under the direction of the
8 superintending school committee;' so that said section, when
9 amended, shall read as follows:

'Section 56. Any town may establish and maintain not exceeding two free high schools; and in such case shall receive the same State aid as if the expenditures of both schools had been made for one. Two or more adjoining towns may unite in establishing and maintaining a free high school, and both shall receive the same State aid as if such school had been maintained by one town. Any town may, in addition to the sums raised for the support of high and common schools, raise and appropriate a sum for the payment of conveyance of pupils attending secondary schools, said sum to be expended under the direction of the superintending school committee. Towns shall receive in trust and faithfully expend gifts and bequests made to aid in the maintenance of free high schools, and shall receive aid in such cases to the same extent and on the same conditions as if such schools had been established and maintained by taxation; and any town shall receive such State aid on any expenditure for a free high school or schools, made from the funds or proceeds of the real estate of an academy or incorporated institution of learning, surrendered or transferred to such town for educational purposes, but if any part of the money so paid by the State, is expended for any other purpose than the support of such free high schools, as provided by this section, than the support of such free high schools, as provided by this section, then each person so misapplying said money forfeits double the sum so misapplied, to be recovered in an action of debt, in the name and to the use of the town,

37 by any inhabitant thereof; and no town shall receive further
38 support from the State for any free high school, until the
39 amount so received, but misapplied has been raised and ex-
40 pended for such free high schools by such town.'

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE,

March 17, 1909.

Reported by Mr. WALKER from Committee on Education
and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

F. G. FARRINGTON, *Secretary.*