

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 278

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*C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to amend section ninety-six of chapter fifteen of the Revised Statutes as amended by chapter eighty-seven of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred and nine, relating to agents of schools in unorganized townships.

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

Section 1. Section ninety-six of chapter fifteen of the Revised Statutes as amended by chapter eighty-seven of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred and nine is hereby further amended by striking out the words between the word "which" in the sixth line thereof and the word "said" in the eighth line thereof and inserting in place thereof the following: 'Propose the state superintendent is hereby authorized to expend annually from the appropriation for the support of schools

9 in unorganized townships a sum not exceeding two thou-  
10 sand two hundred dollars,' so that said section, when amend-  
11 ed, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 96. The state superintendent of public schools may  
13 appoint agents for the several townships in which schools  
14 shall be established under section ninety-four, who shall, un-  
15 der the direction of the state superintendent, enumerate the  
16 pupils, assess and collect the per capita tax, employ the teach-  
17 er and attend to all necessary details in connection with said  
18 school; for which purpose the state superintendent is hereby  
19 authorized to expend annually from the appropriation for the  
20 support of schools in unorganized townships a sum not ex-  
21 ceeding two thousand two hundred dollars. Said agents in  
22 the collection of the per capita tax aforesaid, shall have the  
23 same powers and may use the same methods as collectors of  
24 taxes in towns are authorized to exercise and use for the col-  
25 lecting of personal and poll taxes committed to them; said  
26 agents may act as truant officers in their several townships,  
27 and may in their discretion compel the regular daily attend-  
28 ance at school of every child in their townships between the  
29 seventh and seventeenth anniversaries of his birth by arrest-  
30 ing and taking to school any child when absent therefrom,  
31 and any parent or guardian of any such child or children,  
32 wilfully refusing to allow said children under his control to  
33 attend school, or opposing said agent in arresting and taking  
34 said children to school, may be prosecuted by said agent in  
35 the name of the state before the nearest trial justice, and if

36 found guilty shall forfeit a sum not exceeding twenty dollars  
37 for the use of the schools in the township wherein said chil-  
38 dren are resident, or shall be imprisoned for not exceeding  
39 thirty days. The state superintendent may supply school  
40 books for the schools established under said sections under  
41 such conditions as to the purchase and care thereof as he may  
42 deem proper.

‘Sect. 97. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions  
44 of the three preceding sections, there is hereby appropriated  
45 the sum of fifteen thousand dollars annually, which sum  
46 shall be deducted and set aside therefor by the treasurer of  
47 state from the annual school funds of the state.’