

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 348

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*House of Representatives, March 1, 1911.*

*Introduced by Mr. Murphy of Portland, who moved its reference to the Committee on Education. By him tabled for printing pending reference to a committee.*

*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 an act for the equalization of school privileges.

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

Section 1. Section one of Chapter one hundred and ninety-eight of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred and nine is hereby amended by striking out the word "ten" in the second line and inserting in place thereof the word 'eleven' and by striking out the word "twenty" in line three and inserting in place thereof the word 'fifty' and by striking out all of said section following the word "be" in line five and inserting in place thereof the following, 'used in the manner hereinafter designated for the purpose of aiding those towns wherein a rate of taxation considerably in excess of

11 the average rate for the state, fails to produce a school  
12 revenue sufficient to secure a reasonable standard of edu-  
13 cational efficiency' so that said section, when amended, shall  
14 read as follows:

'Section 1. The treasurer of state shall immediately after  
16 the first day of July, nineteen hundred and eleven, and an-  
17 nually thereafter deduct the sum of fifty thousand dollars  
18 from the state school funds and the same shall be set aside  
19 and denominated the school equalization fund which shall  
20 be used in the manner hereinafter designated for the pur-  
21 pose of aiding those towns wherein a rate of taxation con-  
22 siderably in excess of the average rate for the state fails to  
23 produce a school revenue sufficient to secure a reasonable  
24 standard of educational efficiency.'

Sect. 2. Section two of Chapter one hundred and ninety-  
2 eight of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred and nine  
3 is hereby repealed and in place thereof the following is in-  
4 serted.

'Sect. 2. It shall be the duty of the state superintendent  
6 of public schools to cause a special investigation to be made  
7 of the educational facilities of such towns as are included  
8 under section one of this act and, whenever it appears to  
9 the state superintendent that any town should receive spe-  
10 cial aid or encouragement for the purpose of raising the  
11 standard of qualifications of common school teachers or of  
12 increasing the length of the school year or otherwise adding  
13 to the efficiency of the common schools, he shall issue to the

14 governor and council a recommendation relative thereto and  
15 the governor and council shall have authority to draw a  
16 warrant in the favor of the treasurer of said town for the  
17 payment from the equalization fund of a sum which shall  
18 be expended under the direction of the superintending school  
19 committee of said town in accordance with the recommenda-  
20 tion as made by the state superintendent of public schools  
21 and within the purposes of this act. The state superintend-  
22 ent of public schools shall be authorized to expend for the  
23 special investigation of educational facilities as herein pro-  
24 vided a sum not to exceed two thousand dollars which shall  
25 be deducted from the equalization fund and he shall annu-  
26 ally publish in his printed report a complete statement rela-  
27 tive to all disbursements as provided in this act.'