

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 741

House of Representatives, March 22, 1911.

Introduced by Mr. Allen of Jonesboro, who moved its reference to the committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. By Murphy of Portland tabled for printing pending reference to a committee.

C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to provide for the payment of state aid to free high schools out of state school funds.

Whereas, it is immediately necessary for the preservation of the public safety that the moneys paid by the State to free high schools, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter fifteen of the Revised Statutes and Chapter seventy-one of the Public Laws of 1909, be taken from the common school fund during the years 1911 and 1912, and

Whereas, the foregoing facts in the opinion of the Legislature constitute an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution.

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

Section 1. Section one of chapter 177 of the Public Laws 2 of 1909, is hereby amended by striking out the word "com- 3 mon" in the fourth line thereof so that said section as amend- 4 ed shall read as follows:

'Sect. 1. A tax of one and one-half mills on a dollar shall 6 annually be assessed upon all of the property in the state 7 according to the valuation thereof and shall be known as the 8 tax for the support of the schools.'

Sect. 2. Section two of said chapter is hereby amended 2 by striking out the word "common" in the third line there- 3 of, so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 2. This tax shall be assessed and collected in the 5 same manner as other state taxes and shall be paid into the 6 state treasury and designated as the school fund.'

Sect. 3. Section three of said chapter is hereby amended 2 by prefixing to said section the following: 'Such sum as the 3 Legislature shall annually appropriate for the use of free 4 high schools shall be set apart from this fund and shall be 5 designated as the free high school fund. All payments to 6 free high schools, made under the provisions of chapter 7 fifteen of the Revised Statutes and chapter seventy-one of 8 the Public Laws of nineteen hundred and nine, shall be made 9 from said fund. The balance of the school fund shall be 10 designated as the common school fund.' and is further 11 amended by striking out the word "this" in the first line 12 thereof and substituting in place thereof the words 'said

13 common school'; so that said section when amended shall
14 read as follows:

'Sect. 3. Such sum as the Legislature shall annually ap-
16 propriate for the use of free high schools shall be set apart
17 from this fund and shall be designated as the free high
18 school fund. All payments to free high schools, made under
19 the provisions of chapter fifteen of the Revised Statutes and
20 chapter seventy-one of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred
21 and nine, shall be made from said fund. The balance of
22 the school fund shall be designated as the common school
23 fund. One-third of said common school fund shall be
24 distributed by the treasurer of State on the first day of
25 January, annually, to the several cities, towns and planta-
26 tions according to the number of scholars therein, as the
27 same shall appear from the official returns made to the State
28 Superintendent of Public Schools for the preceding year
29 and the remaining two-thirds of said fund shall be dis-
30 tributed by the treasurer of State on the first day of Janu-
31 ary, annually, to the several cities, towns and plantations ac-
32 cording to the valuation thereof as the same shall be fixed by
33 the State Assessors, for the preceding year.'

Sect. 4. This Act shall take effect when approved.