

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 97

In Senate, Feb. 13, 1911.

Presented by Mr. Milliken of Aroostook and on motion by Mr. Milliken laid on the table for printing pending reference to a committee.

W. C. HANSON, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to provide for the distribution of the school mill fund and the common school fund and to amend Sections 122, 123 and 126 of Chapter fifteen of the Revised Statutes, and Section 3 of Chapter 177 of the Public Laws of 1909, relating to distribution of the common school fund.

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

Section 1. On or before August first, 1911, and on or 2 before August first annually thereafter, the Superintendent 3 of Schools of each town shall make under oath, a full and 4 complete return to the State Superintendent of Public 5 Schools of the school attendance in his town for the school 6 year ending July first next preceding.

Sect. 2. It shall be the duty of the State Superintendent

2 of Public Schools to prepare and furnish to the Superin-
3 tendents of Schools of towns such blanks as he deems proper
4 to secure full returns required under Section 1 of this Act.

Sect. 3. The Treasurer of State shall immediately after
2 the first day of September, 1911, and annually thereafter,
3 apportion to the towns the school mill and common school
4 funds on the basis of average school attendance for the
5 school year ending July first next preceding, as furnished
6 by the State Superintendent of Public Schools. For the
7 purpose of such distribution average school attendance shall
8 be computed for all persons under twenty-one years of age
9 attending any educational institution within the State, and
10 the apportionment for each pupil, shall be made to the town
11 of which he is a resident.

Sect. 4. Section 122 of Chapter fifteen of the Revised
2 Statutes is hereby amended by striking out the words “num-
3 ber of children therein, between five and twenty-one years
4 of age” in the twelfth and thirteenth lines thereof and in-
5 serting in place thereof the words ‘average school attend-
6 ance of pupils resident therein,’ so that said Section as
7 amended will read as follows:

‘Sect. 122. The Treasurer of State shall keep a separ-
9 ate account of all moneys received from sales of lands
10 appropriated for the support of schools or from notes taken
11 therefor, and of any other moneys appropriated for the
12 same purpose; and such sums shall constitute a perman-
13 ent school fund, which may be put at interest as the Legis-

14 lature directs. A sum equal to six per-cent. of the amount
15 of such fund, and one-half the sum received by the state
16 from the tax on the franchises of savings banks, and one-
17 half the sum assessed upon the deposits of trust and bank-
18 ing companies, shall be annually appropriated to the sup-
19 port of common schools, and distributed among the sev-
20 eral towns according to the average school attendance of
21 pupils resident therein.

Sect. 5. Section 123 of Chapter fifteen of the Revised
2 Statutes is hereby amended by striking out the word "July"
3 in the first line and inserting in place thereof the word
4 'September,' also by striking out the words "list of chil-
5 dren" in the third line and inserting in place thereof the
6 words 'average school attendance as'; also by striking out
7 the words from "as provided" in the fourth line, to and
8 including the word "apportionment" in the tenth line so
9 that said Section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 123. The Treasurer shall, immediately after the
11 first day of July, apportion to the towns all the state school
12 funds for the year, according to the average school attend-
13 ance as furnished by the State Superintendent of Public
14 Schools. Immediately after making the apportionment, the
15 Treasurer shall notify each town of its proportion; which
16 shall not be paid to any town until its returns, both com-
17 mon school and fiscal, are made to the State Superintendent
18 of Public Schools, nor so long as any state tax assessed upon
19 such town remains unpaid.'

Sect. 6. Section 126 of Chapter fifteen of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by striking out the words “number of scholars” in the third line and inserting in place thereof ‘average school attendance of pupils resident’ so that said Section as amended shall read as follows :

‘Sect. 126. This fund shall be distributed by the Treasurer of State on the first day of January, annually, to the several cities, towns and plantations according to the average school attendance of pupils resident therein, as the same shall appear from the official returns made to the State Superintendent of Public Schools for the preceding year.’