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SEVENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 202

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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 one hundred twenty-two, one hundred twenty-three and one hundred twenty-six of chapter fifteen of the Revised Statutes, and Section three of chapter one hundred seventy-seven 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 before August first annually thereafter, the Superintendent of Schools of each town shall make under oath, a full and complete return to the State Superintendent of Public Schools of

5 the school attendance in his town for the school year ending
6 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 tendent 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 November, 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 by
6 the State Superintendent of Public Schools. For the pur-
7 pose of such distribution average school attendance shall be
8 computed for all persons under twenty-one years of age at-
9 tending any educational institution within the State, and the
10 apportionment for each pupil shall be made to the town of
11 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 insert-
5 ing in place thereof the words 'average school attendance of
6 pupils resident therein,' so that said section as amended shall
7 read as follows:

'Sect. 122. The Treasurer of State shall keep a separate
9 account of all moneys received from sales of lands appro-
10 priated for the support of schools or from notes taken there-

11 for, and of any other moneys appropriated for the same pur-
12 pose; and such sums shall constitute a permanent school
13 fund, which may be put at interest as the Legislature directs.
14 A sum equal to six percent of the amount of such fund,
15 and one-half the sum received by the State from the tax on
16 the franchises of savings banks, and one-half the sum as-
17 sessed upon the deposits of trust and banking companies,
18 shall be annually appropriated to the support of common
19 schools, and distributed among the several towns according
20 to the average school attendance of pupils resident therein.'

Sect. 5. Section 123 of Chapter fifteen of the Revised
2 Statues is hereby amended by striking out the word "July"
3 in the first line and inserting in place thereof the word 'No-
4 vember,' also by striking out the words "list of children" in
5 the third line and inserting in place thereof the words 'aver-
6 age school attendance as'; also by striking out the words
7 from "as provided" in the fourth line, to and including the
8 word "apportionment" in the tenth line, so that said section
9 as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 123. The treasurer shall, immediately after the first
11 day of November 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 common
17 school and fiscal, are made to the State Superintendent of

18 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 therein, as the same shall appear from the official returns made to the State Superintendent of Public Schools for the preceding year.'

Sect. 7. Section three of chapter 177 of the Public Laws of 1909 is hereby amended by striking out the words "one-third" in the first line; also by striking out the words "number of scholars" in the fourth line and inserting in place thereof the words 'average school attendance of pupils resident therein'; also by striking out the words from "and the remaining two-thirds" in the sixth line to and including the word "year" in the tenth line; so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 3. 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.'