

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 67

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*House of Representatives, Jan. 27, 1913.*

*Reported by Mr. Bowler from Committee on Education and  
ordered printed under joint rules.*

*W. R. ROIX, Clerk.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to amend Section fifty-two of Chapter fifteen of the  
Revised Statutes relating to compulsory school attendance.

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

Section 1. Section fifty-two of chapter fifteen of the Re-  
vised Statutes is hereby amended by striking out the words  
“absent from school at six or more consecutive sessions, dur-  
ing any term,” and substituting therefor the following  
‘habitually and wilfully absent from school or shall fail  
without such excuse to attend school for five day sessions or  
ten half-day sessions within any period of six months,’ so  
that said section when amended shall read as follows:

‘Sect. 52. If a child without sufficient excuse, shall be

10 habitually and wilfully absent from school or shall fail with-  
11 out such excuse to attend school for five day sessions or for  
12 ten half-day sessions within any period of six months, he  
13 shall be deemed an habitual truant, and the superintending  
14 school committee shall notify him and any person under  
15 whose control he may be that unless he conforms to section  
16 forty-nine, the provisions of the two following sections will  
17 be enforced against them; and if thereafter such child con-  
18 tinues irregular in attendance, the truant officers or any of  
19 them shall, when so directed by the school committee or  
20 superintendent in writing, enforce said provisions by com-  
21 plaint.'