

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE NO. 583

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*House of Representatives, March 20, 1913.*

*Reported by Mr. Ricker 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 two of chapter fifteen of the Revised  
Statutes, in relation to the continuance of schools failing to  
maintain an average attendance of at least eight pupils.

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

Sect. 1. Section two of chapter fifteen of the Revised Stat-  
utes is hereby amended by inserting after the word "meet-  
ing" in the sixteenth line thereof the words 'or at a meeting  
called for that purpose,' so that said section when amended  
shall read as follows:

'Sect. 2. The location of any school legally established  
prior to March seventeen, eighteen hundred and ninety-three  
continues unchanged, notwithstanding the district is abol-

9 ished; but any town at its annual meeting, or at a meeting  
10 called for the purpose, may determine the number and loca-  
11 tion of its schools, and may discontinue them or change their  
12 location; but such discontinuance or change of location shall  
13 be made only on the written recommendation of the super-  
14 intending school committee, and on conditions proper to  
15 preserve the just rights and privileges of the inhabitants for  
16 whose benefit such schools were established; provided, how-  
17 ever, that in case any school shall hereafter have too few  
18 scholars for its profitable maintenance, the superintending  
19 school committee may suspend the operation of such school  
20 for not more than one year unless otherwise instructed by  
21 the town, but any public school failing to maintain an aver-  
22 age attendance for any school year, of at least eight pupils,  
23 shall be and hereby is suspended, unless the town in which  
24 said school is located shall by vote, at the annual meeting,  
25 or at a meeting called for that purpose, after the said com-  
26 mittee shall have made a written recommendation to that  
27 effect, instruct its superintending school committee to main-  
28 tain said school. The superintendent of schools in each  
29 town shall procure the conveyance of all common school  
30 pupils residing in his town, a part or the whole of the dis-  
31 tance, to and from the nearest suitable school, for the num-  
32 ber of weeks for which schools are maintained in each year,  
33 when such pupils reside at such distance from the said school  
34 as in the judgment of the superintending school committee  
35 shall render such conveyance necessary. Provided, how-

36 ever, that the superintending school committee may author-  
37 ize the superintendent of schools, to pay the board of any  
38 pupil or pupils at a suitable place near any established school  
39 instead of providing conveyance for said pupil or pupils,  
40 when in their judgment it may be done at an equal or less  
41 expense than by conveyance.'