

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 171

In Senate, Feb. 4, 1913.

Presented by Senator Murphy of Cumberland, and on motion by same Senator laid on the table for printing pending reference to a committee.

W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to amend section fifteen of chapter fifteen of the Revised Statutes, as amended, relating to the payment of school money and to unexpended balances in common school accounts.

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

Section 1. Section fifteen of chapter fifteen of the Revised Statutes as amended by chapter forty-eight of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred and five is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "items" in the fifth line thereof the words "said bill of items having first been approved by a majority of the members of the superintend-

7 ing school committee and certified by the superintendent of
8 schools;’ and by striking out all words after the word “oc-
9 curred” in the eleventh line thereof and by substituting in
10 place thereof the words ‘and when it shall appear to the
11 governor and council that the apportionment made to any
12 city or town from the school and mill fund and common
13 school fund is in excess of the amount used for the support
14 of common schools, as provided by the first ten lines of
15 section nineteen of chapter fifteen of the Revised Statutes
16 as amended, then the said governor and council shall direct
17 the treasurer of state to withhold from the apportionment
18 of such city or town for the year next succeeding an amount
19 equal to the excess before mentioned, and the amount so
20 withheld shall be added to the permanent school fund of
21 the state.’ so that said section when amended shall read as
22 follows:

‘Sect. 15. No money appropriated by law for the public
24 schools shall be paid from the treasury of any town, except
25 upon the written order of its municipal officers; and no such
26 order shall be drawn by said officers except upon presenta-
27 tion of a properly avouched bill of items, said bill of items
28 having first been approved by a majority of the members
29 of the superintending school committee and certified by the
30 superintendent of schools. The unexpended balance of all
31 moneys raised by towns, or received from the state, for the
32 payment of wages and board of teachers, fuel, janitors’ ser-
33 vices, conveyance or tuition and board of scholars, shall be

34 credited to the school resources for the year following that
35 in which said unexpended balance occurred, and when it
36 shall appear to the governor and council that the apportion-
37 ment made to any city or town from the school and mill
38 fund and common school fund is in excess of the amount
39 used for the purposes designated by law for the support of
40 common schools, as provided by the first ten lines of section
41 nineteen of chapter fifteen of the Revised Statutes as amend-
42 ed, then the said governor and council shall direct the treas-
43 urer of state to withhold from the apportionment of such
44 city or town for the year next succeeding an amount equal
45 to the excess before mentioned, and the amount so withheld
46 shall be added to the permanent school fund of the state.'