

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 301

In Senate, Feb. 13, 1913.

Presented by Senator Walker of Somerset, 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 two of Chapter fifteen of the Revised Statutes relating to the furnishing of school privileges for children resident of places remote from schools.

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

Section 1. Section two of chapter fifteen of the Revised
2 Statutes as amended by chapter ninety of the Public Laws
3 of nineteen hundred seven is hereby further amended by
4 inserting after the word "necessary," in the twenty-eighth
5 line, the following: 'But any person, persons or family,
6 entering any town and locating and fixing his or their place
7 of abode in such town at too great a distance from any

8 organized school for the children of such person or family
9 to walk to and from any such school, shall be obliged to
10 transport and convey any such children to and from such
11 school without expense or cost to the town. The failure
12 of any parent, guardian or custodian, included in the pro-
13 vision next above, to have their children in attendance reg-
14 ularly, shall be in violation of the provisions in regard to
15 truancy and shall subject such parent, guardian or custodian
16 to the liabilities and penalties in regard to truancy, herein-
17 after provided. But any such town may, at its annual meet-
18 ing, upon petition from any such new resident or residents
19 and upon written recommendation of the superintending
20 school committee, by vote provide as it deems best for the
21 schooling of such children,' so that said section shall read
22 as follows:

'Sect. 2. The location of any school legally established
24 prior to March seventeen, eighteen hundred and ninety-
25 three, continues unchanged, notwithstanding the district is
26 abolished; but any town at its annual meeting, or at a meet-
27 ing called for the purpose, may determine the number and
28 location of its schools, and may discontinue them or change
29 their location; but such discontinuance or change of loca-
30 tion shall be made only on the written recommendation of
31 the superintending school committee, and on conditions
32 proper to preserve the just rights and privileges of the in-
33 habitants for whose benefit such schools were established;
34 provided, however, that in case any school shall hereafter

35 have too few scholars for its profitable maintenance, the
36 superintending school committee may suspend the operation
37 of such school for not more than one year unless otherwise
38 instructed by the town, but any public school failing to
39 maintain an average attendance for any school year, of at
40 least eight pupils, shall be and hereby is suspended, unless
41 the town in which said school is located shall by vote, at
42 the annual meeting, after said committee shall have made a
43 written recommendation to that effect, instruct its super-
44 intending school committee to maintain said school. The
45 superintendent of schools in each town shall procure the
46 conveyance of all common school pupils residing in his town,
47 a part or the whole of the distance to and from the nearest
48 suitable school, for the number of weeks for which schools
49 are maintained in each year, when such pupils reside at
50 such a distance from said school as in the judgment of
51 the superintending school committee shall render such con-
52 veyance necessary. But any person, persons or family, en-
53 tering any town and locating and fixing his or their place
54 of abode in such town at too great a distance from any
55 organized school for the children of such person or family
56 to walk to and from any such school, shall be obliged to
57 transport and convey any such children to and from such
58 school without expense or cost to such town. The failure
59 of any parent, guardian or custodian, included in the pro-
60 vision next above, to have their children in attendance reg-
61 ularly, shall be in violation of the provisions in regard to

62 truancy and shall subject such parent, guardian or custodian
63 to the liabilities and penalties in regard to truancy, herein-
64 after provided. But any such town may, at its annual meet-
65 ing, upon petition from any such new resident or residents,
66 and upon written recommendation of the superintending
67 school committee, by vote provide as it deems best for the
68 schooling of such children. Provided, however, that the
69 superintending school committee may authorize the super-
70 intendent of schools to pay the board of any pupil or pupils
71 at a suitable place near any established school instead of
72 providing conveyance for said pupil or pupils, when in their
73 judgment it may be done at an equal or less expense than
74 by conveyance.'