

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

NO. 335

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*In Senate, Feb. 18, 1913.*

*Came from the House referred to the Committee on Education, and on motion by Senator Murphy of Cumberland laid on the table for printing pending reference in concurrence.*

*W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.*

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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 nineteen of Chapter fifteen of the Revised Statutes relating to the purchase of Text-books for Schools.

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

Section 1. Section nineteen of chapter fifteen of the Revised Statutes as amended by section four, Chapter forty eight, of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred and five as amended by chapter one hundred and thirty-one of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred and nine, is hereby further amended by inserting after the words "provided, however," and before the words "that any parent or guardian," the following words:

“That any town, so voting at its annual town meeting, may  
10 give to each student, to be his (her) own and that of the  
11 succeeding pupil of his (her) family, the necessary text-  
12 books purchased by the town, said books or any of them to  
13 be listed in a record book of the distribution thereof and  
14 in case of loss or damage beyond suitable use (reasonable  
15 wear excepted), to be wholly refurnished the pupil at the  
16 expense of the parent or guardian of such negligible pupil—  
17 excepting, that transient pupils of untaxed parents or guar-  
18 dians shall return to the town all text-books used from its  
19 supply, upon their removal from town, and said transient  
20 pupils to be governed in the care and responsibility of said  
21 text-books as is already provided in sections twenty and  
22 twenty-one of said chapter fifteen, the said text-books from  
23 said transients to be set apart as a supply or reserve to fill  
24 the needs of like circumstances necessarily arising in the  
25 future, and still further providing,’ so that said section, as  
26 amended, shall read as follows:

‘Sect. 19. Towns shall expend the entire amount of the  
28 school fund and mill tax received from the state together  
29 with the amount arising from the eighty cents per capita  
30 as provided in section thirteen of said chapter fifteen, and  
31 the fund arising from the various sources enumerated in  
32 the first four lines of section thirteen of said chapter, and  
33 the funds arising from the provisions of section fourteen  
34 of said chapter for the payment of teachers’ wages and  
35 board, fuel, janitor’s services, conveyance of scholars and

36 tuition and board of scholars as provided in section two and  
37 section fifty of said chapter fifteen and shall provide school  
38 books, apparatus and appliances for the use of pupils in  
39 the public schools, including all free high schools at the  
40 expense of said town, and shall also pay for the necessary  
41 repairs of school buildings and the insurance on the same,  
42 if any, improvement and maintenance of school yards and  
43 play grounds out of a sum or sums of money raised and  
44 appropriated for that purpose which shall be assessed like  
45 other money and shall be in addition to and independent of  
46 amount which towns are required by law to raise, assess  
47 and expend for the support of common schools; provided,  
48 however, that any town, so voting at its annual town meet-  
49 ing may give to each student, to be his (her) own and that  
50 of the succeeding pupil of his (her) family, the necessary  
51 text-books purchased by the town, said books or any of  
52 them to be listed in a record book of the distribution thereof  
53 and in case of loss or damage beyond suitable use (reason-  
54 able wear excepted), to be wholly refurnished the pupil at  
55 the expense of the parent or guardian of such negligible  
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62 from said transients to be set apart as a supply or reserve

63 to fill the needs of like circumstances necessarily arising in  
64 the future; and still further providing that any parent or  
65 guardian of any pupil in the public schools may at his own  
66 expense procure for the separate and exclusive use of such  
67 pupil the text-books to be required to be used in such school  
68 and no second-hand books shall be purchased for the use  
69 of any school; any person violating this provision shall for-  
70 feit not exceeding five hundred dollars to be recovered in  
71 an action of debt by any school officer or person aggrieved.'