

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 360

In Senate, Feb. 21, 1913.

*Reported by Senator Walker from committee on education,
and ordered printed under joint rules.*

W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to amend section one hundred sixteen of chapter
fifteen of the Revised Statutes relating to instruction for the
blind.

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

Section 1. Section one hundred sixteen of chapter fifteen
2 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by inserting
3 after the word "Massachusetts" in the sixth line thereof
4 the words 'provided, however, that when the authorities
5 in charge of said Perkins Institute for the Blind shall re-
6 fuse for any reason to admit such blind children to said
7 institute then the governor may, with the approval of the
8 council, send such children so refused to any institution for

9 the blind wherever located,' so that said section when
10 amended shall read as follows:

'Section one hundred sixteen. Upon the request of the
12 parents or guardians, the governor may, with the approval
13 of the council, send such blind children as he may deem fit
14 subjects for education, for a term not exceeding ten years,
15 and thereafter in the discretion of the governor and council,
16 in the case of any pupil, to the Perkins Institute for the
17 Blind at South Boston, Massachusetts, provided, however,
18 that when the authorities in charge of said Perkins Institute
19 for the Blind shall refuse for any reason to admit such
20 blind children to said institute then the governor may, with
21 the approval of the council, send such children so refused
22 to any institution for the blind wherever located. In the
23 exercise of the discretionary power conferred by this sec-
24 tion, no distinction shall be made on account of the wealth
25 or poverty of the parents or guardians of such children.
26 No such pupil shall be withdrawn from such institution ex-
27 cept with the consent of the proper authorities thereof or
28 of the governor; and the sums necessary for the support
29 and instruction of such pupils in such institution, including
30 all traveling expenses of such pupils attending such institu-
31 tion shall be paid by the state; provided, however, that
32 nothing herein contained shall be held to prevent the vol-
33 untary payment of the whole or any part of such sums by
34 the parents or guardians of such pupils.'