

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 636

In Senate, March 27, 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 sixteen of Chapter fifteen of the
Revised Statutes, as amended, relating to the withholding of
state school funds from delinquent towns.

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

Section 1. Section sixteen of chapter fifteen of the Re-
vised Statutes as amended by chapter fifty-nine of the Pub-
lic Laws of nineteen hundred nine, is hereby further amend-
ed by striking out the words "further payment to such town
from the state school fund and mill tax until such town sat-
isfies them," in the tenth and eleventh lines thereof, and by
substituting in place thereof the words, 'from the apportion-
ment of state school funds made to that town such amount
as they may deem expedient and the amount so withheld

10 shall not be paid until such town shall satisfy said governor
11 and council,' and by adding after the word "schools" in the
12 last line thereof the following: 'and whenever such town
13 shall fail, within the year for which the apportionment is
14 made, so to satisfy the governor and council the said amount
15 withholden shall be forfeited and shall be added to the per-
16 manent school fund for the year next succeeding,' so that
17 said section when amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 16. When the governor and council have reason
19 to believe that a town has neglected to raise and expend
20 the school money required by law, or to employ teachers
21 certificated as required by law, or to have instruction given
22 in the subjects prescribed by law, or to provide suitable text-
23 books in the subjects prescribed by law, or faithfully to ex-
24 pend the school money received by the state or in any way
25 to comply with the law prescribing the duties of towns in
26 relation to public schools, they shall direct the treasurer of
27 state to withhold from the apportionment of state school
28 funds made to that town such amount as they may deem
29 expedient and the amount so withheld shall not be paid until
30 such town shall satisfy said governor and council that it
31 has expended the full amount of school money as required
32 by law and that it has complied in all ways with the law
33 prescribing the duties of towns in relation to public schools,
34 and whenever such town shall fail, within the year for which
35 the apportionment is made, so to satisfy the governor and

36 council the said amount withholden shall be forfeited and
37 shall be added to the permanent school fund for the year
38 next succeeding.'