

SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 80

House of Representatives, Feb. 4, 1915. Ordered, That five hundred copies be printed and that the same be referred to the Committee on Education. Committee on Reference.

Presented by Mr. Perham of Woodstock.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN

AN ACT to amend Section 15 of Chapter 15 of the Revised Statutes as amended by Section 2 of Chapter 48 of the Public Laws of 1905 and Chapter 122 of the Public Laws of 1913, in relation to accounting for and expenditure of school funds.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:
Section 15 of chapter 15 of the revised statutes as amend-2 ed by section 2 of chapter 48 of the public laws of 1905,
3 and by chapter 122 of the public laws of 1913 is hereby
4 amended by striking out all after the word "occurred" in
5 the eleventh line, and by adding in place thereof the words
6 'provided, that if such unexpended balance shall be in ex7 cess of the amount raised by the town, a sum equal to such

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8 excess shall be deducted from the next annual payment to 9 become due from the state to such town, and shall be added 10 to the school equalization fund,' so that said section shall 11 read as follows:

'Sect. 15. No money appropriated by law for public 13 schools shall be paid from the treasury of any town, except 14 upon written order of its municipal officers; and no such 15 order shall be drawn by said officers except upon presenta-16 tion of a properly avouched bill of items, said bill of items 17 having first been approved by a majority of members of 18 the superintending school committee and certified by the 10 superintendent of schools. The unexpended balance of all 20 moneys raised by towns, or received from the state, for the 21 payment of wages and board of teachers, fuel, janitors' 22 services, conveyance or tuition and board of scholars, shall 23 be credited to the school resources for the year following 24 that in which said unexpended balance occurred, provided, 25 that if such unexpended balance shall be in excess of the 26 amount raised by the town, a sum equal to such excess shall 27 be deducted from the next annual payment to become due 28 from the state to such town, and shall be added to the school 20 equalization fund.'