

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 492

House of Representatives, March 3, 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. Peterson of New Sweden.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to amend Section two of Chapter fifteen of the Revised Statutes as amended by Chapter ninety of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred and seven and Chapter one hundred and forty-eight of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred and thirteen relating to the Conveyance of Common School Pupils.

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

Section two of chapter fifteen of the revised statutes as
2 amended by chapter ninety of the public laws of nineteen
3 hundred and seven and chapter one hundred and forty-
4 eight of the public laws of nineteen hundred and thirteen
5 is hereby further amended by striking out the words "such

6 distance from said school as in the judgment of the super-
7 intending school committee shall render such conveyance
8 necessary” in the twenty-second, twenty-third and twenty-
9 fourth lines thereof and inserting in place thereof the words
10 ‘a distance in excess of one mile from said school,’ so that
11 said section when amended shall read as follows:

‘Sect. 2. The location of any school legally established
13 prior to March seventeen, eighteen hundred and ninety-
14 three, continues unchanged, notwithstanding the district is
15 abolished; but any town at its annual meeting, or at a
16 meeting called for the purpose, may determine the number
17 and location of its schools, and may discontinue them or
18 change their location; but such discontinuance or change of
19 location shall be made only on the written recommendation
20 of the superintending school committee, and on conditions
21 proper to preserve the just rights and privileges of the in-
22 habitants for whose benefits such schools were established;
23 provided, however, that in case any school shall hereafter
24 have too few scholars for its profitable maintenance, the
25 superintending school committee may suspend the operation
26 of such school for not more than one year unless otherwise
27 instructed by the town, but any public school failing to
28 maintain an average attendance for any school year, of at
29 least eight pupils, shall be and hereby is suspended, unless
30 the town in which said school is located shall by vote, at
31 the annual meeting, or at a meeting called for that pur-
32 pose, after the said committee shall have made a written

33 recommendation to that effect, instruct its superintending
34 school committee to maintain said school. The superintend-
35 ent of schools in each town shall procure the conveyance of
36 all common school pupils residing in his town, a part or the
37 whole of the distance, to and from the nearest suitable
38 school, for the number of weeks for which schools are main-
39 tained in each year, when such pupils reside at a distance in
40 excess of one mile from said school. Provided, however,
41 that the superintending school committee may authorize the
42 superintendent of schools to pay the board of any pupil or
43 pupils at a suitable place near any established school in-
44 stead of providing conveyance for said pupil or pupils, when
45 in their judgment it may be done at an equal or less expense
46 than by conveyance.'