

SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 326

In Senate, March 12, 1915.

Reported by Sen. 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 FIFTEEN

AN ACT to amend section one of chapter one hundred ninetyeight of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred nine as amended by chapter one hundred ninety-two of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred eleven and as further amended by chapter one hundred eighty-two of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred thirteen, relating to the amount of the school equalization fund.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows: Section one of chapter one hundred ninety-eight of the 2 public laws of nineteen hundred nine as amended by 3 chapter one hundred ninety-two of the public laws of nine-4 teen hundred eleven and as further amended by chapter one 5 hundred eighty-two of the public laws of nineteen hundred 6 thirteen is hereby further amended by striking out the word 7 "forty" in the third line thereof and substituting in place 8 thereof the word 'fifty,' so that said section when amended 9 shall read as follows:

Section 1. The treasurer of state shall immediately after 11 the first day of July, nineteen hundred thirteen, and annually 12 thereafter deduct the sum of fifty thousand dollars from the 13 state school funds and the same shall be set aside and de-14 nominated the school equalization fund which shall be used 15 in the manner hereinafter designated for the purpose of 16 aiding those towns wherein a rate of taxation considerably 17 in excess of the average rate for the state fails to produce a 18 school revenue sufficient to secure a reasonable standard of 19 educational efficiency; provided, that the rate of taxation 20 hereinbefore named for the purposes of this act shall be 21 reckoned on the basis of the amount of common schools, 22 exclusive of any amounts received from the state.'