

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

NO. 244

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*In Senate, Feb. 28, 1917.*

*Referred to Committee on Education and five hundred copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.*

*W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.*

*Presented by Mr. Holt of Cumberland.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to amend Section One Hundred and Eight of the Revised Statutes of Nineteen Hundred and Sixteen, relating to Teaching of the Principles of Kindness to Birds and Animals in the Public Schools.

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

Section one hundred and eight of chapter sixteen of the  
2 revised statutes of nineteen hundred and sixteen, is hereby  
3 amended by striking out, in the fourteenth line thereof the  
4 words "ten minutes," and inserting therein the words 'one  
5 half hour,' so that said section shall read as follows:

'The presidents, professors and tutors of colleges, the pre-  
2 ceptors and teachers of academies, and all other instructors  
3 of youth, in public or private institutions, shall use their best  
4 endeavors to impress on the minds of the children and  
5 youth committed to their care and instruction, the principles  
6 of morality and justice, and a sacred regard for truth; love  
7 of country humanity and a universal benevolence; sobriety,  
8 industry and frugality; chastity, moderation and temper-  
9 ance; and all other virtues which ornament human society;  
10 and to lead those under their care, as their ages and capaci-  
11 ties admit, into a particular understanding of the tendency  
12 of such virtues to preserve and perfect a republican consti-  
13 tution, secure the blessings of liberty, and to promote their  
14 future happiness; and the tendency of the opposite vices, to  
15 slavery, degradation and ruin; all teachers in the public  
16 schools of the state shall devote not less than one half hour  
17 of each week of the school term, to teaching to the children  
18 under their charge, the principles of kindness to birds and  
19 animals.'