

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 32

House of Representatives, Jan. 24, 1919.

Referred to Committee on Education and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Bean of Minot.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to exempt the towns of Minot and Poland from the
payment of tuition for High School Students.

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

The towns of Minot and Poland are hereby exempted
2 from the provisions of the law requiring the payment of tui-
3 tion by towns not maintaining secondary schools of stand-
4 ard grade for the attendance in such standard schools outside
5 the towns of scholars residing with a parent or guardian in
6 said towns. Said exemption shall remain in force so long
7 and at such times as the high school maintained by the town
8 of Mechanic Falls is able in the judgment of the superintend-
9 ing school committee to receive the high school students

10 from the towns of Minot and Poland without over crowding
11 by reason of such attendance.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

A part of section five of chapter five hundred fifty of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred ninety-three, providing for the division of the towns of Poland and Minot and the incorporation of the town of Mechanic Falls, reads as follows: "Scholars from the towns of Minot and Poland shall be admitted without payment of tuition to the high school of Mechanic Falls on the same terms and subject to the same regulations as scholars residing in the town of Mechanic Falls, provided, however, that should said high school become over crowded by reason of such attendance, the superintending school committee may exclude such scholars not residing in said town of Mechanic Falls as it may deem for the best interest of said school." Under the provisions of the above section high school students from the towns of Minot and Poland have at all times had access without the payment of tuition to the high school maintained by the town of Mechanic Falls, but some students have not seen fit to take advantage of this opportunity and have attended other schools from which tuition claims have been made upon the town. The fact that the provision for the attendance of such students at Mechanic Falls high school was made in the above mentioned act indicates that the intention was to relieve the towns of Minot and Poland from the responsibility of furnishing high school privileges, but when the law requiring the payment of tuition by such towns was passed this in effect nullified the intended exemption of the towns of Minot and Poland from such liability.