

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 112

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House of Representatives, February 14, 1921.

Reported by Mr. Barwise from Committee on Education  
and ordered printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND  
NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-ONE

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AN ACT to Amend Section Three of Chapter Sixteen of the  
Revised Statutes, Relating to Schoolhouse Lots Acquired  
by Condemnation.

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

Section three of chapter sixteen of the revised statutes is  
2 hereby amended by adding after the word "lot" in the sev-  
3 enth line the word 'playgrounds,' and by striking out the  
4 word "three" in the seventh line and by inserting in the  
5 place thereof the word 'five,' so that said section as amended  
6 shall read as follows:

'Sect. 3. When a location for the erection or removal of  
2 a schoolhouse and requisite buildings has been legally des-  
3 igned, by vote of the town at any town meeting called

4 for that purpose, and the owner thereof refuses to sell, or,  
5 in the opinion of the municipal officers, asks an unreason-  
6 able price for it, or resides without the state and has no  
7 authorized agent or attorney therein, they may lay out a  
8 schoolhouse lot and playgrounds, not exceeding five acres,  
9 and appraise the damages as is provided for laying out  
10 town ways, and appraising the damages therefor; and on  
11 payment or tender of such damages or if such owner does  
12 not reside in the state, upon depositing such damages in  
13 the treasury of such town for his use, the town designat-  
14 ing it may take such lot to be held and used for the pur-  
15 poses aforesaid; and when such schoolhouse has ceased  
16 to be thereon for two years, said lot reverts to the owner,  
17 his heirs or assigns. And any town or city may take real  
18 estate for the enlargement or extension of any location  
19 designated for the erection or removal of a schoolhouse  
20 and requisite buildings and playgrounds, as herein pro-  
21 vided; but no real estate shall be so taken within fifty feet  
22 of a dwelling-house, and all schoolhouse lots and play-  
23 grounds that require fencing shall be fenced by the town or  
24 city.'