

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

NO. 31

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In Senate, February 7, 1921.

Referred to Committee on Education in concurrence and 500 copies ordered printed.

L. ERNEST THORNTON, Secretary.

Presented by Mr. Varney of Jonesboro.

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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 for the Improvement of Sanitary Conditions in  
School Building Toilets.

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

Section 1. In order to safeguard the health and morals  
2 of the children of the state, towns shall annually appropri-  
3 ate such amounts in addition to other amounts for school  
4 purposes, as will provide and maintain sanitary, protected  
5 and clean toilets free from all obscene markings in all  
6 school buildings or in other buildings rented or used for  
7 school purposes.

Sect. 2. On and after the first day of September, nine-  
2 teen hundred and twenty-four, all school buildings or build-

3 ings used for school purposes shall be provided with toilet  
4 facilities that shall be installed in such manner and location  
5 as to insure privacy, cleanliness and supervision by teachers  
6 and that shall meet at least one of the following minimum  
7 requirements.

(a) Flush water closets connected with sewer, filter bed,  
2 septic tanks or protected cesspool with separate compart-  
3 ments for the sexes, accessible only by separate passage-  
4 ways from school rooms or corridors.

(b) Chemical closets, of such types and manufacture as  
2 shall be approved by the state superintendent of public  
3 schools, with separate compartments for the sexes accessible  
4 only by separate passageways from school rooms or cor-  
5 ridors.

(c) Privies located in attached buildings provided with  
2 separate compartments for the sexes, accessible only by  
3 separate ventilated passageways from school rooms or cor-  
4 ridors and constructed in such a manner that the vault of  
5 said privy shall be at least ten feet from the nearest school  
6 room wall and adjacent to the outside wall of the building  
7 in which said privy is located.

Sect. 3. The state superintendent of public schools shall  
2 furnish to superintending school committees or building  
3 committees plans for privies of approved type, lists of chem-  
4 ical toilets of approved type and manufacture and such other  
5 information and material as may assist said committees in  
6 complying with the provisions of this act.

Sect. 4. Superintending school committees shall make

2 provision for the cleaning of vaults and tanks and the re-  
3 pair and upkeep of accessories. Said committees shall an-  
4 nually cause an inspection to be made of sanitary condi-  
5 tions in school buildings and shall cause to be reported to  
6 the town such construction, reconstruction or repairs nec-  
7 essary to meet the conditions of this act and any town fail-  
8 ing to meet the said conditions through neglect of its super-  
9 intending school committee or neglect to appropriate funds  
10 for the purpose shall be liable to the penalties of section  
11 nineteen of chapter sixteen of the revised statutes.