

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT

EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 277

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CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Amend Section Seventy-eight of Chapter Sixteen
of the Revised Statutes to Provide Transportation for Pupils
Who Live on Islands on Which There Are No Secondary
Schools and from Which Regular Transportation Lines Are
Established.

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

Section seventy-eight of chapter sixteen of the revised
2 statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the word
3 "committee" in the ninth line thereof as follows: 'Provided,
4 that in cases of pupils whose residence is on islands within
5 towns and cities and on which there is no secondary school
6 and from which regular transportation lines are established

7 and in operation, said towns and cities shall pay transpor-
8 tation charges of said children; provided, however, that
9 such transportation shall be over regular lines, at not to
10 exceed regular fares and no subsidy; provided, also, that
11 transportation lines shall have the privilege of establishing
12 such school fares, not to exceed the regular fares as may
13 be agreed upon by the officials of said transportation lines
14 and the school board or school committee of the town or
15 city of which said islands are a part,' so that said section,
16 as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 78. Any town may establish and maintain not ex-
2 ceeding two free high schools; and in such case shall re-
3 ceive the same state aid as if the expenditure for both
4 schools had been made for one. Two or more adjoining
5 towns may unite in establishing and maintaining a free
6 high school, and both shall receive the same state aid as if
7 such school had been maintained by one town. Any town
8 may, in addition to the sums raised for the support of high
9 and common schools, raise and appropriate a sum for the
10 payment of conveyance of pupils attending secondary
11 schools, said sum to be expended under the direction of
12 the superintending school committee. Provided, that in
13 cases of pupils who reside on islands within towns and cities
14 and on which there is no secondary school and from which
15 regular transportation lines are established and in operation,
16 said towns and cities shall pay transportation charges of
17 said children; provided, however, that such transportation

18 shall be over regular lines, at not to exceed regular fares
19 and no subsidy; provided, also, that transportation lines
20 shall have the privilege of establishing such school fares
21 not to exceed the regular fare, as may be agreed upon by
22 the officials of said transportation lines, and the school board
23 or school committee of the town or city of which said
24 islands are a part. Towns shall receive in trust and faith-
25 fully expend gifts and bequests made to aid in the mainte-
26 nance of free high schools, and shall receive aid in such
27 cases to the same extent and on the same conditions as if
28 such schools had been established and maintained by taxa-
29 tion; and any town shall receive such state aid on any ex-
30 penditure for a free high school or schools, made from
31 the funds or proceeds of the real estate of an academy or
32 incorporated institution of learning, surrendered or trans-
33 ferred to such town for educational purposes; but if any
34 part of the money so paid by the state is expended for any
35 other purpose than the support of such free high schools,
36 as provided by this section, then each person so misapply-
37 ing said money forfeits double the sum so misapplied, to
38 be recovered in an action of debt, in the name and to the
39 use of the town, by any inhabitant thereof; and no town
40 shall receive further support from the state for any free
41 high school, until the amount so received, but misapplied,
42 has been raised and expended for such free high schools
43 by such town.'