

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE**

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**SENATE**

**NO. 45**

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In Senate, Feb. 6, 1923.

On motion by Mr. Hinckley, laid on table pending reference to Committee on Education in concurrence, and five hundred copies ordered printed.

L. ERNEST THORNTON, Secretary.

Presented by Mr. Nichols of Portland.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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

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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.

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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 twelfth line thereof as follows: 'Pro-  
4 vided, that in cases of pupils who reside 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 said towns and cities shall pay transportation charges of  
8 said children; provided, also, that transportation lines shall  
9 have the privilege of establishing such school fares as may  
10 be agreed upon by the officials of said transportation lines  
11 and the school board or school committee of the town or  
12 city of which said islands are a part,' so that this section  
13 when amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 2. 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 high  
6 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  
14 cities and on which there is no secondary school and from  
15 which regular transportation lines are established said towns  
16 and cities shall pay transportation charges of said children;  
17 provided, also, that transportation lines shall have the privi-  
18 lege of establishing such school fares as may be agreed  
19 upon by the officials of said transportation lines and the

20 school board or school committee of the town or city of  
21 which said islands are a part,' so that this section when  
22 amended shall read as follows:

'Towns shall receive in trust and faithfully expend gifts  
2 and bequests made to aid in the maintenance of free high  
3 schools, and shall receive aid in such cases to the same  
4 extent and on the same conditions as if such schools had  
5 been established and maintained by taxation; and any town  
6 shall receive such state aid on any expenditure for a free  
7 high school or schools, made from the funds or proceeds  
8 of the real estate of any academy or incorporated institu-  
9 tion of learning, surrendered or transferred to such town  
10 for educational purposes; but if any part of the money  
11 so paid by the state is expended for any other purpose than  
12 the support of such free high schools, as provided by this  
13 section, then each person so misapplying said money for-  
14 feits double the sum so misapplied, to be recovered in an  
15 action of debt, in the name and to the use of the town, by  
16 any inhabitant thereof; and no town shall receive further  
17 support from the state for any free high school, until the  
18 amount so received, but misapplied, has been raised and  
19 expended for such free high schools by such town.'