

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE**

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**H. P. No. 381**

**H. D. No. 78**

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House of Representatives, Feb. 5, 1925.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary and 5000 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Stitham of Pittsfield.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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

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**AN ACT to Amend Article Eight of the Constitution of the  
State of Maine Referring to Education.**

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

Section 1. Article eight of the constitution of the state  
2 of Maine is hereby amended by striking out all after the  
3 word "schools" in the fifth line thereof and inserting the  
4 following:

'Sect. 2. In order to conserve the general welfare, all  
2 moneys raised by plantations, towns, cities and state for  
3 the purpose of education shall be applied to and expended  
4 for no other schools than those under the management and  
5 control of public school officials and subject to the juris-  
6 diction of the state commissioner of education as directed

7 by the legislature; provided, also, that the University of  
8 Maine is hereby declared to be and is, in the intention of  
9 this act, a public institution; provided, further, that any  
10 town in which there is no free public high school may raise  
11 and apply funds to tuition purposes in private schools of  
12 a secondary nature when such institutions bear contract  
13 relations with the town for the education of the youth of  
14 the town of suitable grade, when the superintending school  
15 committee forms a joint board with not more than an equal  
16 number of trustees for the employment of teachers and the  
17 direction of the course of study, subject to the rules, reg-  
18 ulations and requirements of the state commissioner of edu-  
19 cation, as determined by law; provided, further, that towns  
20 having no school of high school grade may contract with  
21 institutions which have contract relations with other towns.  
22 This act shall become effective on and after July first, nine-  
23 teen hundred and thirty.' So that the article shall read as  
24 follows:

'Section 1. A general diffusion of the advantages of edu-  
2 cation being essential to the preservation of the rights and  
3 liberties of the people; to promote this important object,  
4 the legislature are authorized, and it shall be their duty to  
5 require, the several towns to make suitable provision, at  
6 their own expense, for the support and maintenance of  
7 public schools.

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Sect. 3. It is hereby provided that with two-thirds of the  
2 legislature concurring, the preceding amendment to the con-  
3 stitution of the state shall be referred to the people of the  
4 state at the next regular biennial election in the month of  
5 September in the regular form of submission of constitutional  
6 amendments through the secretary of state.