

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Reported by Mr. Eustis from Committee on Education and
laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Eustis of Strong.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relating to the Conveyance of Pupils of High School
Grade.

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

Section seventy-eight of chapter sixteen of the revised
2 statutes as amended by chapter fifty-nine of the public laws
3 of nineteen hundred twenty-three is hereby amended by in-
4 serting after the word "conveyance" in line nine the words
5 'or board,' so that the section shall read as follows:

'Sect. 2. *Conveyance of pupils resident on islands pro-*
2 *vided for.* Any town may establish and maintain not ex-
3 ceeding two free high schools; and in such case shall receive
4 the same state aid as if the expenditure for both schools
5 had been made for one. Two or more adjoining towns may

6 unite in establishing and maintaining a free high school, and
7 both shall receive the same state aid as if such school had
8 been maintained by one town. Any town may, in addition
9 to the sums raised for the support of high and common
10 schools, raise and appropriate a sum for the payment of
11 conveyance or board of pupils attending secondary schools,
12 said sum to be expended under the direction of the superin-
13 tending school committee. Provided, that in cases of pupils
14 who reside on islands within towns and cities and on which
15 there is no secondary school and from which regular trans-
16 portation lines are established and in operation, said towns
17 and cities shall pay transportation charges of said children ;
18 provided, however, that such transportation shall be over
19 regular lines, at not to exceed regular fares and no subsidy ;
20 provided, also, that transportation lines shall have the privi-
21 lege of establishing such school fares not to exceed the regu-
22 lar fare, as may be agreed upon by the officials of said
23 transportation lines and the school board or school com-
24 mittee of the town or city of which said islands are a part.
25 Towns shall receive in trust and faithfully expend gifts and
26 bequests made to aid in the maintenance of free high schools,
27 and shall receive aid in such cases to the same extent and
28 on the same conditions as if such schools had been estab-
29 lished and maintained by taxation ; and any town shall re-
30 ceive such state aid on any expenditure for a free high
31 school or schools, made from the funds or proceeds of the
32 real estate of an academy or incorporated institution of

33 learning, surrendered or transferred to such town for educa-
34 tional purposes; but if any part of the money so paid by the
35 state is expended for any other purpose than the support of
36 such free high schools, as provided by this section, then each
37 person so misapplying said money forfeits double the sum
38 so misapplied, to be recovered in an action of debt, in the
39 same and to the use of the town, by any inhabitant thereof;
40 and no town shall receive further support from the state
41 for any free high school, until the amount so received, but
42 misapplied, has been raised and expended for such free high
43 schools by such town.'