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ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Miner of Washington.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Amend Section One of Chapter One Hundred Twenty-eight of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-five Relating to the Supervision of Schools at Pleasant Point and Peter Dana's Point; Reports and Compensation of Superintendents Amended.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows: Section one of chapter one hundred and twenty-eight of 2 the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-five is here-3 by amended by inserting at the close of the section the fol-4 lowing: 'Whenever it shall be shown that any of the chil-5 dren of the Passamaquoddy tribe shall have completed the 6 course of study for elementary schools as prescribed or 7 shall have passed the examination prepared by the state

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8 commissioner of education for entrance into high school 9 under the free attendance act such children shall be granted 10 free entrance to any high school in the state to which said 11 children may apply. When the children of the Passama-12 quoddy tribe shall have entered any high school they shall 13 be given free tuition by said high school, and so long as 14 they shall apply themselves with due diligence and shall 15 make reasonable progress they shall be allowed to continue 16 in said school to the completion of the standard secondary 17 school course.' So that the section when amended shall read 18 as follows:

'Sect. 2. The school at the Pleasant Point Reservation 2 shall be under the care and supervision of the superintendent 3 of schools of the town of Perry or of the school union of 4 which Perry may be a member. The school at Peter Dana's 5 Point shall be under the care and supervision of the super-6 intendent of schools of the town of Princeton, or of the 7 school union of which Princeton may be a member. A11 8 subjects shall be taught in the English language and the 9 text-books used shall be the same as those used in the town 10 in which said schools are located. Said superintendents 11 shall visit said schools at least four times during each school 12 term; regulate the grades and courses of study; assist the 13 teachers and scholars by counsel, or discipline; and make 14 report once each year to the agent and to the governor and 15 council, noting therein such facts and information as may 16 seem of importance in the interest of education among the

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17 Indians of said reservation, or as may be required by the 18 governor and council. The governor and council are hereby 19 authorized to pay said superintendents reasonable compensa-20 tion for said services; but the compensation shall not be 21 less than one hundred dollars in each case, and shall be paid 22 out of the state fund for the superintendence of school 23 unions. Whenever it shall be shown that any of the chil-24 dren of the Passamaquoddy tribe shall have completed the 25 course of study for elementary schools as prescribed or shall 26 have passed the examination prepared by the state com-27 missioner of education for entrance into high school under 28 the free attendance act such children shall be granted free 29 entrance to any high school in the state to which said chil-30 dren may apply. When the children of the Passamaguoddy 31 tribe shall have entered any high school they shall be given 32 free tuition by said high school and so long as they shall 33 apply themselves with due diligence and shall make reason-34 able progress they shall be allowed to continue in said school 35 to the completion of the standard secondary school course.'