

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

Senate Document

No. 163

H. P. 834

In Senate, March 2, 1927.

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ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Mr. ROY of Lewiston.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to prohibit the teaching of evolution in any university, college, normal, public school or other educational institution in the State of Maine that is supported in whole or in part from public funds, the teaching that man descended or ascended from lower order of animals, and providing a penalty for violation thereof.

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

Section 1. Be it enacted by the people of the State of
2 Maine that it shall be unlawful for any teacher or other
3 instructor in any university, college, normal, public school
4 or other institution of the state which is supported in whole
5 or in part by public funds derived by the state from local
6 taxation to teach that mankind ascended or descended from

7 a lower order of animals and also it shall be unlawful for
8 any superintendent or book commission or other authority
9 exercising the authority the power to select text books for
10 above mentioned educational institutions, to adopt for use
11 in any such institution a text book that teaches the doctrine
12 that mankind ascended or descended from the lower order
13 of animals.

Sect. 2. Be it further enacted, that any superintendent
2 or book commissioner who is found guilty of violation of
3 this act by adopting any such text book in any such edu-
4 cational institution shall be guilty of misdemeanor and upon
5 conviction be fined not exceeding five hundred dollars; and
6 upon conviction shall vacate the position thus held in any
7 educational institution of the character above mentioned or
8 any commission of which he may be a member.

Sect. 3. Be it further enacted that any teacher or in-
2 structor who is found guilty of violation of this act by
3 teaching in any such educational institution that mankind
4 ascended or descended from a lower order of animals shall
5 be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction be fined
6 not exceeding one hundred dollars; and upon conviction
7 shall vacate the position thus held in any educational in-
8 stitution of the character above mentioned.

Sect. 4. That this act take effect and be in force on the
2 first day of September, nineteen hundred twenty-seven.