

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Senate Document**

**No. 281**

S. P. 532

In Senate, March 24, 1927.

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

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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

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**AN ACT** Providing for the Improvement of Conveyance of  
Pupils to Common Schools.

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

Section two of chapter one hundred fourteen is hereby  
2 amended by inserting after the word "necessary" in line  
3 twenty-five the words 'the superintending school committee  
4 shall also have the right to require transportation to be pro-  
5 vided if in their judgment other causes make transportation  
6 advisable. In any instance where a parent or guardian of  
7 any child after presenting his case to the superintendent of  
8 schools and the superintending school committee is refused  
9 transportation, he may appeal to the state commissioner of  
10 education who, after due investigation by himself or his

11 assistants, shall decide the merits of the request and his de-  
12 cision shall be final.' So that said section when amended  
13 shall read as follows :

'Sect. 2. The location of any school legally established  
2 prior to the seventeenth day of March, eighteen hundred  
3 and ninety-three continues unchanged, notwithstanding the  
4 district is abolished; but any town at its annual meeting,  
5 or at a meeting called for the purpose, may determine the  
6 number and location of its schools, and may discontinue  
7 them or change their location; but such discontinuance or  
8 change of location shall be made only on the written recom-  
9 mendation of the superintending school committee, and on  
10 conditions proper to preserve the just rights and privileges  
11 of the inhabitants for whose benefit such schools were estab-  
12 lished; provided, however, that in case any school shall  
13 hereafter have too few scholars for its profitable mainte-  
14 nance, the superintending school committee may suspend the  
15 operation of such school for not more than one year unless  
16 otherwise instructed by the town, but any public school fail-  
17 ing to maintain an average attendance for any school year,  
18 of at least eight pupils, shall be and hereby is suspended,  
19 unless the town in which said school is located shall by vote,  
20 at the annual meeting, or at a meeting called for that pur-  
21 pose, after the said committee shall have made a written  
22 recommendation to that effect, instruct its superintending  
23 school committee to maintain said school. The superintend-  
24 ent of schools in each town shall procure the conveyance

25 of all common school pupils residing in his town, a part  
26 or the whole of the distance, to and from the nearest suit-  
27 able school, for the number of weeks for which schools are  
28 maintained in each year, when such pupils reside at such  
29 a distance from the said school as in the judgment of the  
30 superintending school committee shall render such convey-  
31 ance necessary. The superintending school committee shall  
32 also have the right to require transportation to be provided  
33 if in their judgment other causes make transportation ad-  
34 visable. In any instance where a parent or guardian of  
35 any child after presenting his case to the superintendent of  
36 schools and the superintending school committee is refused  
37 transportation, he may appeal to the state commissioner of  
38 education who, after due investigation by himself or his  
39 assistants, shall decide the merits of the request and his  
40 decision shall be final. In all cases, conveyance so provided  
41 shall conserve the comfort, safety and welfare of the chil-  
42 dren conveyed and shall be in charge of a responsible driver  
43 who shall have control over the conduct of the children  
44 conveyed. Provided, however, that the superintending school  
45 committee may authorize the superintendent of schools to  
46 pay the board of any pupil or pupils at a suitable place  
47 near any established school instead of providing conveyance  
48 for said pupil or pupils, when in their judgment it may be  
49 done at any equal or less expense than by conveyance.'