

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Senate Document

No. 187

S. P. 460

In Senate, Feb. 19, 1929.

Referred to Committee on Education and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Crockett of York.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Amend Section Two of Chapter Sixteen of the Revised Statutes of Nineteen Hundred Sixteen Relating to the Temporary Closing of Schools.

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

That section two of chapter sixteen of the revised statutes 2 of nineteen hundred sixteen be amended by striking out af- 3 ter the word "year" in line thirteen the words "unless other- 4 wise" and insert in place thereof 'but shall not close such 5 school for a longer period unless so' so that the section 6 as revised 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 es-
12 tablished; provided, however, that in case any school shall
13 hereafter have too few scholars for its profitable mainten-
14 ance, the superintending school committee may suspend
15 the operation of such school for not more than one year
16 but shall not close such school for a longer period unless
17 so instructed by the town, but any public school failing to
18 maintain an average attendance for any school year, of at
19 least eight pupils, shall be and hereby is suspended, unless
20 the town in which said school is located shall by vote, at
21 the annual meeting, or at a meeting called for that purpose,
22 after the said committee shall have made a written recom-
23 mendation to that effect, instruct its superintending school
24 committee to maintain said school. The superintendent of
25 schools in each town shall procure the conveyance of all
26 common school pupils residing in his town, a part or the
27 whole of the distance, to and from the nearest suitable
28 school, for the number of weeks for which schools are main-
29 tained in each year, when such pupils reside at such a dis-

30 tance from the said school as in the judgment of the super-
31 intending school committee shall render such conveyance
32 necessary. In all cases, conveyance so provided shall con-
33 serve the comfort, safety and welfare of the children con-
34 veyed and shall be in charge of a responsible driver who
35 shall have control over the conduct of the children conveyed.
36 Provided, however, that the superintending school commit-
37 tee may authorize the superintendent of schools, to pay the
38 board of any pupil or pupils at a suitable place near any
39 established school instead of providing conveyance for said
40 pupil or pupils, when in their judgment it may be done at
41 an equal or less expense than by conveyance.'