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H. P. 1091

House of Representatives, Feb. 8, 1933.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Hall of Bar Harbor.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED THIRTY-  
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AN ACT Relating to Schools in Plantations and Unorganized Territory.

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

**R. S. c. 19, § 139, amended.** Section 139 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 139. Special school tax to be assessed on male residents.** Whenever school privileges are first provided in accordance with sections 133 to 136 for a child or children resident in any unorganized unit and annually thereafter on the 1st day of April as long as school privileges are provided, all male residents of such unorganized unit 21 years of age and over shall be assessed and shall pay to the state commissioner of education or his duly authorized agent a school tax of \$3. The obligation to pay this tax shall in no way be removed in case a resident pays or has paid a poll-tax in a town. The state commissioner of education shall have authority to abate said tax in any case when conditions appear to warrant such action. All of said taxes so collected by agents shall be remitted by them to the said commissioner, who shall transfer such taxes to the treasurer of state to be credited to the appropriation for schooling in unorganized territory.

**Whenever there are 200 or more persons of all ages resident of an unorganized unit which was formerly a town or plantation, on April 1 of any year, in accordance with the sworn returns of the agent for said**

unorganized unit duly appointed by the state commissioner of education as provided by section 140 of this chapter, the total cost of school privileges provided under sections 133, 134, 135 and 137 of this chapter, for the school year ending on the following June 30, together with an additional charge of 5% for administration, but with deductions for the amount of interest on lands reserved, if any, of said unorganized unit for said school year and the amount said unorganized unit if a town would receive from the state as provided by sections 206, 207, 208, 209 and 210 of this chapter, shall be assessed upon the property of said unorganized unit by the state bureau of taxation and added to the state tax for the said year. It shall be the duty of the state commissioner of education to furnish on or before July 10 of said year to the state tax assessor a detailed statement of expenditures for school purposes and deductions on account of interest on lands reserved and state school funds credits as herein before provided for such unorganized units, for use in making said tax assessment and as a permanent record thereof. A copy of said statement shall also be furnished the state commissioner of finance, who shall credit the state school fund for the following year with the amount of said tax assessment. In case of a school tax assessment upon the property of an unorganized unit as provided by this paragraph, the school tax as provided in the 1st paragraph of this section shall not be assessed and collected.'