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H. P. 1604

House of Representatives, March 16, 1933.

Reported by Mr. Fenlason from Committee on Education and laid on table to be printed under Joint Rules.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED THIRTY-  
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AN ACT Relating to Changes in Location of Any School Legally Estab-  
lished.

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

**R. S., c. 19, § 2, amended.** Section 2 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows :

**‘Sec. 2. No change in location of any school legally established; towns may determine number and location on recommendation of school committee; school with few scholars may be suspended with consent of town; superintendent to procure conveyance for scholars; committee may furnish board instead of providing conveyance.** The location of any school legally established prior to the 17th day of March, 1893, continues unchanged, notwithstanding the district is abolished; but any town at its annual meeting, or at a meeting called for the purpose, may determine the number and location of its schools, and may discontinue them or change their location; but such discontinuance or change of location shall be made only on the written recommendation of the superintending school committee, and on conditions proper to preserve the just rights and privileges of the inhabitants for whose benefit such schools were established; provided, however, that in case any school shall hereafter have too few scholars for its

profitable maintenance, the superintending school committee may suspend the operation of such school for not more than 1 year but shall not close such school for a longer period **nor again thereafter suspend operation of such school** unless so instructed by the town, but any public school failing to maintain an average attendance for any school year, of at least 8 pupils shall be and hereby is suspended, unless the town in which said school is located shall by vote, at the annual meeting, or at a meeting called for that purpose, after the said committee shall have made a written recommendation to that effect, instruct its superintending school committee to maintain said school. The superintendent of schools in each town shall procure the conveyance of all common school pupils residing in his town, a part or the whole of the distance, to and from the nearest suitable school, for the number of weeks for which schools are maintained in each year, when such pupils reside at such a distance, from the said school as in the judgment of the superintending school committee shall render such conveyance necessary. In all cases, conveyance so provided shall conserve the comfort, safety, and welfare of the children conveyed and shall be in charge of a responsible driver who shall have control over the conduct of the children conveyed. Provided, however, that the superintending school committee may authorize the superintendent of schools to pay the board of any pupil or pupils at a suitable place near any established school instead of providing conveyance for said pupil or pupils, when in their judgment it may be done at an equal or less expense than by conveyance.'