

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 826

House of Representatives, Jan. 31, 1935.

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Sent up for concurrence.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Clarke of Cooper.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
THIRTY-FIVE

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AN ACT Relating to Census of the Penobscot Indians.

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

P. L. 1933, c. 1, § 281, amended. Section 281 of chapter 1 of the public laws of 1933 is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘Sec. 281. **Census of Penobscot Indians; annual meeting; notices; persons entitled to membership to be reported; correction of lists; compensation of committee.** An accurate census of the Penobscot tribe shall be taken early each January by ~~+~~ ~~or more the tribal committee of the super-~~ ~~intending school committee of the city of Old Town~~ upon the best information which they can obtain, as hereinafter provided, stating, as nearly as may be, the name, sex, and age of each Indian as it existed on the 1st day of such January, each family by itself. On or before the 10th day of January, annually, the original, certified under oath, shall be delivered to the agent, and a copy thereof to the governor of said tribe for their use. On the 1st Wednesday of January, annually, ~~the~~ said committee shall hold a meeting with said tribe on Old Town **Indian** Island, for receiving information from such of the tribe as may attend, as to the membership of the tribe, the identity of persons, and the correctness of names; due notice in writing of the time and place of which meeting shall be given by said committee. ~~The tribal committee shall meet the said~~

~~superintending school committee at the time and place so appointed.~~  
At said meeting ~~any member of said school committee shall preside,~~  
~~and~~ ~~5~~ 5 of said tribal committee shall constitute a quorum thereof; and on said 1st Wednesday of January, annually, the names of all persons entitled to membership under section 254 shall be reported by the tribal committee to the person authorized by law to take the census of said tribe, and shall thereupon be placed on the census roll.

Corrections of the list, by reason of births, deaths, or omissions, may as they come to the knowledge of the committee, be certified to the agent, and he shall correct his list accordingly. This list, so corrected shall, with his account, be returned to the department. A reasonable compensation shall be paid to the **tribal** committee by the agent and charged in his account, and allowed and paid to him out of the state treasury.'