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H. P. 673

House of Representatives, February 1, 1939.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Dow of Norway.

S T A T E O F M A I N E

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to Apportionment of School Equalization Fund.

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

R. S., c. 19, § 210, ¶ V, amended. Paragraph V of section 210 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes, is hereby amended to read as follows :

'V. Such amount of the school equalization fund not apportioned as provided for by the 4 preceding paragraphs shall be apportioned to towns wherein a rate of taxation considerably in excess of the average rate for the state fails to produce a school revenue sufficient to secure a reasonable standard of educational efficiency ; provided, that the rate of taxation hereinbefore named shall be reckoned on the basis of the amount or amounts actually raised by taxation by the town for the support of elementary and secondary schools for the purposes named in section 212, exclusive of any amounts received from the state, ~~provided, further, that no town shall receive an apportionment out of the school equalization fund unless its municipal tax rate for all purposes shall be in excess of a rate which is 3 mills less than the average of such rates for all the towns of the state.~~ The commissioner of education shall cause a special investigation to be made of the educational facilities of such towns and, whenever it appears to the said commissioner that any town should receive special aid or en-

couragement for the purpose of raising the standard of qualifications of teachers or of increasing the length of the school year or otherwise adding to the efficiency of the schools, he shall issue to the governor and council a recommendation relative thereto, and the governor and council may draw a warrant in favor of the treasurer of said town for the payment from the equalization fund of a sum which shall be expended under the direction of the superintending school committee of said town in accordance with the recommendation as made by the said commissioner. The said commissioner may expend for the special investigation of educational facilities as herein provided a sum not to exceed \$2000 which shall be deducted from the equalization fund.'