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CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary **Presented by Senator Fuller of Oxford**.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Public School Adult Education.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 41, § 37, repealed and replaced. Section 37 of chapter 41 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Sec. 37. Money raised for evening schools. The superintending school committee of any city or town may establish and maintain evening schools, day schools and educational activities for the instruction of persons over 16 years of age not in attendance at another public school.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 41 § 193, repealed and replaced. Section 193 of chapter 41 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Sec. 193. State aid for evening schools. The expenses of evening schools, day schools, classes and educational activities for adults as provided in section 37 shall be appropriated and paid out of money available for the current expenses of the schools in the same manner and under the same restrictions as the expenses of the public elementary and secondary schools are appropriated and paid.

Such schools, classes and activities shall meet the approval of the commissioner in regard to the qualifications of instructors, length of term, fees collected, class attendance and subjects offered.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 41, § 240, amended. Section 240 of chapter 41 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 240. State money expended by towns. Amounts received by the cities or towns from the state for general-purpose aid may be expended by said cities or

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towns, in conjunction with such funds as the **cities or** towns shall raise and appropriate, for the following purposes in both elementary and schools, secondary schools and adult schools, classes and educational activities as provided in section 37: the payment of teachers' salaries and board, fuel, janitors' services, conveyance cost, school bus purchases, tuition, board of pupils, textbooks, reference books, school supplies for desk or laboratory use, public utility services, flags, replacement of instructional equipment, fire insurance, compensation of superintendent and his assistants, school committee and office, attendance officer and medical inspection.

The unexpended balance of all moneys raised by towns or received from the State for the above purposes shall be forwarded and credited to the same school resources for the ensuing year.

The superintending school committee may establish and furnish facilities for day and evening educational and recreational activities for adults not supported by public school funds and not reimbursed by the State. Such courses and activities may be financed by tuition fees, by funds voted by the town or by funds from other proper sources or by any combination of these.'