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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

PASSED BY THE

## FORTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

## STATE OF MAINE.

1865.

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PUBLIC LAWS

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**Chapter 303.**

**CHAP. 303.**

An act authorizing the expenditure of money for war purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :*

SECT. 1. The sum of seventy-five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated for the payment of outstanding war claims, relief to our sick and wounded soldiers in hospitals, transportation of hospital stores, and all other necessary expenses for the volunteer force raised in this state.

Appropriation for war purposes.

SECT. 2. All expenditures under this act shall be made under the direction of the governor and council.

—to be expended under direction of governor and council.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect when approved by the governor.

Approved February 20, 1865.

**Chapter 304.**

An act amendatory of chapter eleven of the revised statutes, relating to education.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :*

SECT. 1. Every city, town and plantation shall raise and expend annually for the support of schools therein, a sum of money, exclusive of the income of any corporate school fund, or of any grant from the revenue or funds from the state, or of any voluntary donation, devise or bequest, or of any forfeiture accruing to the use of schools, not less than seventy-five cents for each inhabitant, according to the census of the state, by which representatives to the legislature were last apportioned.

R. S., chap. 11, sec. 5, amended.  
Amount to be raised in cities, &c., for support of schools.

SECT. 2. No town which neglects to raise the amount of money required to be raised by section one of this act, shall during the year in which such neglect occurs, receive any part of the state school fund, required to be apportioned to the several towns by the treasurer of state; *provided however*, that all plantations shall be entitled to receive their part of the state school fund, when the inhabitants of such plantations shall have paid their part of all state and county taxes, and not otherwise.

School fund, when withheld.

SECT. 3. Each school agent shall return to the superintending school committee, in the month of April, annually, a certified list of the names and ages of all persons in his district, from four to twenty-one years, as they existed on the first day of said month, leaving out of said enumeration, all persons coming from other places to attend any college or academy, or to labor in any factory, or at any manufacturing or other business.

Agents to return lists of persons from 4 to 21 years of age to S. S. committee.

## CHAP. 305.

If agent neglects, S. S. committee make enumeration of scholars.

S. S. committee make return of list of scholars in each district to assessors.

Districts having graded schools may raise money.

SECT. 4. If any school agent neglects to return the scholars of his district, as provided in section three of this act, the superintending school committee shall immediately make such enumeration in such district and be paid a reasonable sum for the service, and the sum thus paid shall be taken from the amount to be apportioned to the district of such delinquent agent.

SECT. 5. The superintending school committee shall return to the assessors on or before the fifteenth day of May, annually, the number of scholars in each school district, according to the enumeration provided for in sections three and four of this act.

SECT. 6. Any school district maintaining graded schools, may raise for the support of schools therein a sum of money not exceeding that which it receives from the town in addition thereto.

SECT. 7. This act repeals all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with it, and shall be in force when approved.

Approved February 22, 1865.

### Chapter 305.

An act further defining the duties of town officers in relation to the disbursement of moneys.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :*

Selectmen, treasurers, &c., required to make detailed reports.

Report to be distributed if printed.  
—to be open for inspection in town meeting.  
—how deposited and kept.

SECT. 1. The selectmen, treasurer, and every other person charged with the expenditure of the moneys of any town, shall on or before the morning of the annual meeting in each year, make detailed written or printed reports of all their financial transactions, for or in behalf of the town during the municipal year immediately preceding, with a full account of the receipts and disbursements during that period, and to whom and for what purposes each item of the same was paid, together with a statement in detail of the indebtedness and resources of the town. Such reports if printed shall be distributed to the legal voters on or before the morning of the annual meeting, or if not printed shall be presented and read in open town meeting before the election of selectmen, and thereafter, whether written or printed shall be kept deposited in the office of the selectmen, or if they have no office or usual place of business, with the town clerk, together with the proper vouchers for the disbursements reported, where such reports and vouchers, as well as all the books of the town, shall be open during the usual hours of business to the inspection of any legal voter; and if any town officer shall refuse or neglect to perform any of the requirements of this act, or shall refuse to allow any legal voter in the town to examine the reports, vouchers, and town books