

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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OF THE

FIFTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1873.

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PUBLIC LAWS
OF THE
STATE OF MAINE.

1873.

CHAP. 123.**Chapter 123.**

An act to repeal section twelve of chapter one hundred and sixteen of the revised statutes, relating to fees of juries.

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

SECT. 1. Section twelve of chapter one hundred and sixteen of the revised statutes, is hereby repealed.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved February 24, 1873.

Chapter 124.

An act in aid of free high schools.

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

Towns may establish and maintain free high schools.

—may receive state aid.

Proviso.

—state aid, when paid.

Towns may establish, not exceeding two, free high schools.

Free high schools, towns may unite in establishing.

—school districts may establish.

—school districts in adjoining

SECT. 1. When any town shall have established and maintained a free high school as provided by this act, for at least ten weeks in any one year, such town on complying with the conditions herein set forth, shall be entitled to receive from the state one-half the amount actually expended for instruction in said school, not however exceeding five hundred dollars from the state to any one town; *provided*, that no town shall be entitled to such state aid unless the appropriation and expenditure for such school on the part of said town, has been exclusive of the amounts required by law to be expended for common school purposes. Such state aid shall be paid from the state treasury on and after the first day of December of each year, upon certification by the governor and council as provided by section eight.

SECT. 2. Any town may establish and maintain not exceeding two free high schools; and when two such schools are maintained, shall be entitled to receive the same state aid as if the expenditures for both schools had been made for one school. Two or more adjoining towns may unite in establishing and maintaining a free high school, and both receive the same state aid as if such school had been maintained by one town. So long as any town shall decline to avail itself of the provisions of this act, any school district, or union of districts in such town, may establish and maintain a free high school, and receive state aid the same as the town might have done; *provided*, that no more than two such free high schools shall be established in any town, and that the amount of state aid extended to the districts in any town shall not exceed the sum that the town might have received. Two adjoining school districts in different towns may establish and maintain a union free