

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

FIFTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1876.

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PUBLIC LAWS

OF THE

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SECT. 5. But any insurance company incorporated by a state or country whose laws impose upon insurance companies chartered by this state any greater tax than is herein provided, shall pay the same tax upon business done by it in this state, in place of the tax above provided; and the insurance commissioner is hereby authorized to require the return upon which such tax may be assessed to be made to him, and the treasurer is hereby authorized to assess such tax; and if such tax is not paid as provided in section three, the insurance commissioner shall suspend the right of said company to do business in this state.

CHAP. 130.

Ratio of tax on certain foreign insurance companies.

Return and assessment of tax.

Right to do business in this state suspended in certain cases.

SECT. 6. Chapter two hundred and fifty-one of the acts of eighteen hundred and seventy-four, and chapter forty-six of the acts of eighteen hundred and seventy-five, are hereby repealed, except that they are continued in force for the assessment and collection of the tax the previous year as therein provided.

Ch. 251, acts of 1874, and ch. 40, acts 1875, repealed.

Approved February 23, 1876.

Chapter 130.

An act to amend chapter two hundred and twenty-nine of the Public Laws of one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, entitled "an act further to extend the powers of School Districts."

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

Chapter two hundred and twenty-nine of the public laws of the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, entitled "an act further to extend the powers of school districts," is hereby repealed.

Ch. 229, public laws 1874, repealed.

Approved February 23, 1876.

Chapter 131.

An act amendatory of chapter one hundred twenty-four of the Public Laws of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-three, in aid of Free High Schools.

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

The second section of the one hundred and twenty-fourth chapter of the public laws of the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, is hereby amended by striking out the words "provided that no town," in the twenty-third line of said section, and inserting in lieu thereof the words 'furthermore, any town or district;' also by inserting the words 'or district,' between the

Sec. 2, ch. 124, public laws 1873, amended.

CHAP. 132. word "town" and the word "for," in the twenty-seventh line of said section, so that the same shall read, when amended, as follows :

Free high schools,
any town may
establish two.

—state aid
allowed.

—school districts
may establish.

Proviso.

—school districts
in different towns
may establish.

—state aid
allowed to.

—maintained by
donations, &c.,
entitled to state
aid.

'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 of 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 or more adjoining school districts in different towns may establish and maintain a union free high school, and, with the consent of both towns, may receive a proportional part of such state aid, to be determined as provided by section eight, but in no case to exceed the amount that either town might have received. Towns shall receive in trust, and faithfully expend, donations and bequests made to aid in the maintenance of free high schools, and shall receive state aid in such cases to the same extent and on the same conditions as if such schools had been established and maintained by taxation; furthermore, any town or district shall be entitled to receive such state aid on any expenditure for a free high school or schools, made from the funds or proceeds of the real estate of an academy or incorporated institution of learning, surrendered or transferred to such town or district for educational purposes.'

Approved February 23, 1876.

Chapter 132.

An act to amend an act entitled "an act to abolish the Death Penalty and to regulate the manner of Applying for Pardons in certain cases," approved February twenty-first, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six.

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

Act of Feb. 21,
1876, amended.

The act entitled "an act to abolish the death penalty and to regulate the manner of applying for pardons in certain cases,"