

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

SIXTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1893.

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PUBLIC LAWS
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Chapter 203.

An Act to provide for the free education of the Deaf, Dumb and Blind.

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

SECT. 1. Upon the request of the parents or guardians, the governor may, with the approval of the council, send such deaf mutes or deaf children or blind children as he may deem fit subjects for education, for a term not exceeding ten years, and thereafter in the discretion of the governor and council, in the case of any pupil, to the American Asylum at Hartford, Connecticut, or to the Portland school for the deaf at Portland, in the case of deaf mutes or deaf children, and to the Perkins Institute for the blind at South Boston, Massachusetts, in the case of blind children. In the exercise of the discretionary power conferred by this act, no distinction shall be made on account of the wealth or poverty of the parents or guardians of such children. No such pupil shall be withdrawn from such institutions or schools, except with the consent of the proper authorities thereof or of the governor; and the sums necessary for the support and instruction of such pupils in such institutions or school, including all traveling expenses of such pupils attending such institutions or school, shall be paid by the state; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall be held to prevent the voluntary payment of the whole or any part of such sums by the parents or guardians of such pupils.

Deaf mutes and blind children may be educated at American Asylum, at Portland School and at Perkins Institute.

—no discrimination shall be made on account of wealth or poverty of parents.

—expenses shall be paid by state.

—proviso.

SECT. 2. Sections one hundred twenty-six, one hundred twenty-seven, and one hundred twenty-eight of chapter eleven of the revised statutes of eighteen hundred eighty-three, are hereby repealed.

Sections 126, 127 and 128, ch. 11, R. S., repealed.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 14, 1893.