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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

SIXTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1899.

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PUBLIC LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1899.

CHAP. 2

Chapter 2.

An Act to amend Chapter two hundred and three of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-three, relating to the education of the Deaf, Dumb and Blind.

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

Section 1, chapter 203, public laws 1893, amended.

Section one of chapter two hundred and three of the public laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-three is hereby amended by striking out in the third line of the section the words "deaf mutes or deaf children or," and by striking out in the sixth, seventh and eighth lines the words "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," and by striking out in the tenth line the words "in the case of blind children;" and by striking out in the fourteenth line the words "institutions or schools" and inserting in the place thereof the word 'institution,' and by striking out in the seventeenth line the words "institution or schools" and inserting in the place thereof the word 'institution,' and by striking out in the eighteenth and nineteenth lines the words "institution or school" and inserting in the place thereof the word 'institution,' so that the section, as amended, shall read as follows:

Blind children may be educated at Perkins Institute.

-discrimination shall not be made on account of wealth or poverty of parents.

-expenses shall be paid by State.

-proviso.

'Section 1. Upon the request of the parents or guardians, the governor may, with the approval of the council, send such 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 Perkins Institute for the Blind at South Boston, Massachusetts. 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 No such pupil shall be withdrawn from such institution except with the consent of the proper authorities thereof or of the governor; and the sums necessary for the support and instruction of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 institution, including all traveling expenses of such pupils attending such institution 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.'

Approved January 30, 1899.