

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

SIXTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1899.

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PUBLIC LAWS

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Chapter 48.

An Act to amend Section three of Chapter two hundred and sixteen of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-three as amended by Section one, Chapter two hundred and ninety-five of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, relating to discontinuing schools and conveying school children.

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

Section 3,
chapter 216,
public laws
1893, further
amended.

Section 1. Section three of chapter two hundred and sixteen of the public laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-three is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "necessary" in the last line of said section as amended by section one, chapter two hundred and ninety-five of the public laws of eighteen hundred ninety-seven the words 'provided however, that the superintending school committee may authorize the superintendent of schools to pay the board of any scholar or scholars at a suitable place near any established school instead of providing conveyance for said scholar or scholars when in their judgment it may appear feasible to do so,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

Act shall
not change
location of
any school
district,
legally es-
tablished.

—towns
may deter-
mine num-
ber and
location, on
recommen-
dation of
school
committee.

—operation
of schools
in small
districts
may be sus-
pended.

—shall pro-
cure con-
veyance for
scholars.

—may pro-
vide board
instead of
furnishing
conveyance.

'Section 3. This act shall not abolish or change the location of any school legally established at the time of its passage; but any town at its annual meeting, or at a meeting called for the purpose, may determine the number and location of its schools and may discontinue them or change their location; but such discontinuance or change of location shall be made only on the written recommendation of the superintending school committee, and on conditions proper to preserve the just rights and privileges of the inhabitants for whose benefit such schools were established; provided, however, that in case of any school having, as now established, or which shall hereafter have, too few scholars for its profitable maintenance, the superintending school committee may suspend the operation of such school for not more than one year, unless otherwise instructed by the town, but any public school failing to maintain an average attendance for any school year, of at least eight pupils, shall be and hereby is suspended unless the town in which said school is located shall by vote instruct its superintending school committee to maintain said school. The superintendent of schools in each town shall procure the conveyance of all public school pupils residing in his town, to and from the nearest suitable school, for the number of weeks for which schools are maintained in each year, when such pupils reside at such a distance from the said school as to render such conveyance necessary. Provided, however, that the superintending school committee may authorize the superintendent of schools to pay the board of any pupil or pupils

at a suitable place near any established school instead of providing conveyance for said pupil or pupils when in their judgment it may be done at an equal or less expense than by conveyance.'

Section 2. All acts and parts of acts, inconsistent with this act, are hereby repealed.

Inconsistent acts, repealed.

Approved March 8, 1899.

Chapter 49.

An Act to fix the salary of the Sheriff of the County of Waldo. (C)

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

Section 1. The sheriff of the county of Waldo from and after the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine shall receive an annual salary of four hundred dollars from the county treasury instead of the compensation provided in section twenty-three of chapter eighty of the revised statutes, and it is further provided that the sheriff of said county shall not receive from any of his deputies any of the fees earned by said deputies or any percentage earned thereon after said date.

Salary of sheriff of Waldo county, fixed.

—shall not receive fees from deputies.

Provided, however, that said sheriff on the first day of January annually shall state a true account of the amount accruing to him for board of prisoners under his care during the preceding year, and make a true return thereof under oath to the treasurer of said county and when the sum so accruing to him in any year for such board of prisoners shall exceed the sum of twelve hundred dollars then he shall not receive any part of said salary for such year.

Shall not receive salary, in case board of prisoners exceeds \$1200.

Section 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 8, 1899.