

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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OF THE

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Chapter 211.

An Act to allow larger lots to be taken for School Purposes and to shorten the time allowed owners thereof for appeal.

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

Section 1. Section fifty-seven of chapter eleven of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the words "one hundred square rods" in the sixth line thereof, and inserting in their place the words, 'three acres,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Section 57. When a location for the erection or removal of a school house and requisite buildings have been legally designated, and the owner thereof refuses to sell, or, in the opinion of the municipal officers, asks an unreasonable price for it, or resides without the state and has no authorized agent or attorney therein, they may lay out a school house lot, not exceeding three acres, and appraise the damages therefor; and on payment or tender of such damages, or if such owner does not reside in the state, upon depositing such damages in the treasury of such town or district for his use, the town or district designating it may take such lot to be held and used for the purposes aforesaid; and when such school house has ceased to be thereon for two years, said lot reverts to the owner, his heirs or assigns. And any town or city may take real estate for the enlargement or extension of any location designated for the erection or removal of a school house and requisite buildings and play grounds, as herein provided; but no real estate shall be so taken within fifty feet of a dwelling house.'

Towns may lay out school house lots in certain cases.

—damages, how appraised.

—how paid.

—lot to revert to owner if not occupied for two years.

—land may be taken for school house lot, play grounds, etc., but not within 50 feet of a dwelling.

Section 2. Section fifty-eight of chapter eleven of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the words "one year" in the third line thereof and inserting in their place the words 'six months' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

Section 58 amended.

'Section 58. If the owner is aggrieved at the location of the lot, or the damages awarded, he may apply to the county commissioners within six months, who may change the location and assess the damages, and the proceedings shall be conducted as in section eight of chapter eighteen. If the damages are increased, or the location changed, such town or district shall pay the damages and costs; otherwise the costs shall be paid by the applicant.'

If owner is aggrieved, issue may be tried by jury.