

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

SEVENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1903.

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PUBLIC LAWS

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STATE OF MAINE.

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'Section 3. Superintending school committees shall have power to fill vacancies occurring during the year and shall elect truant officers at their first meeting after the annual meeting of the town, in case the town neglects to do so, or the truant officers elect, or any of them, fail to qualify.'

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 All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act, are hereby repealed.

Approved March 10, 1903.

CHAP. 65

Election of
truant
officers.

Chapter 65.

An Act to provide for the recording of Plans.

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

Section 1. The county commissioners at the expense of the several counties shall provide suitable books of the best quality of tracing cloth, interleaved with white paper and substantially bound, for the recording of such plans as may be presented for record; and shall provide other books of substantial binding with stubs for the insertion and preservation of such plans as it may not be expedient to copy into the books first mentioned.

Books for
records
of plans,
furnished
at expense
of county.

In all cases where a plan is to be copied in the first named books the register of deeds may employ a competent draftsman at a fair compensation to make such copy, and shall receive for examining and certifying the same, the sum of fifty cents in addition to the amount paid for making record, and a like sum for furnishing copies from the record.

—draftsmen
may be
appointed.

Said commissioners shall also cause to be made a suitable index to all plans on record, whether filed and recorded before or after the passage of this act.

—compensa-
tion.

Section 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

—index shall
be made.

Approved March 10, 1903.

Chapter 66.

An Act to amend Section three of Chapter two hundred and sixteen of the Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-three, relating to the Conveyance of Scholars and to the maintenance of public schools.

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

Section 1. Section three of chapter two hundred and sixteen of the public laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-three, as amended by chapter two hundred and ninety-five of the public laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, and by chapters

Section 3 of
chapter 216,
public laws
of 1893, as
amended by
chapter 295,

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public laws of 1897, and by chapters 48 and 74, public laws of 1899, and by chapter 203, public laws of 1901, further amended.

Schools may be established or discontinued by towns at annual meeting.

—proceedings and conditions.

—proviso.

—operation of school may be suspended in certain cases.

—how re-opened.

—conveyance of pupils.

—proviso.

forty-eight and seventy-four of the public laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, and by chapter two hundred and three of the public laws of nineteen hundred and one, is further amended by inserting between the words "vote" and "instruct" in the seventeenth line of said section, as last amended, the words 'at the annual meeting, after the said committee shall have made a written recommendation to that effect,' so that said section, as amended by this act, shall read as follows:

'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, at the annual meeting after the said committee shall have made a written recommendation to that effect, 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, a part or the whole of the distance, 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 in the judgment of the superintending school committee shall 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.