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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1909

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PUBLIC LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

As Passed by the Seventy-fourth  
Legislature

1909

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**Chapter 177.**

An Act relating to the Common School Fund and the means of providing for and distributing the same.

*Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:*

Section 1. A tax of one and one-half mills on a dollar shall annually be assessed upon all of the property in the state according to the valuation thereof and shall be known as the tax for the support of the common schools.

Assess-  
ment of tax  
for support  
of schools.

Section 2. This tax shall be assessed and collected in the same manner as other state taxes and shall be paid into the state treasury and designated as the common school fund.

How tax  
shall be  
assessed.

Section 3. One-third of this fund shall be distributed by the treasurer of state on the first day of January, annually, to the several cities, towns and plantations according to the number of scholars therein, as the same shall appear from the official returns made to the state superintendent of public schools for the preceding year and the remaining two-thirds of said fund shall be distributed by the treasurer of state on the first day of January, annually, to the several cities, towns and plantations according to the valuation thereof as the same shall be fixed by the state assessors, for the preceding year.

How fund  
shall be  
distributed

Section 4. All of the said fund not distributed or expended during the financial year, shall at its close, be added to the permanent school fund.

Unexpended  
fund, how  
disposed of.

Section 5. All moneys provided by towns, or apportioned by the state for the support of common schools, shall be expended for the maintenance of common schools, established and controlled by the towns by which said moneys are provided, or to which said moneys are apportioned.

All money  
to be ex-  
pended for  
common  
schools.

Section 6. Sums received by any city, town or plantation from the distribution provided by section three, shall be deemed to be raised by such city, town or plantation within the meaning of revised statutes, chapter fifteen, section thirteen, as amended.

How money  
received by  
towns shall  
be deemed  
to have  
been raised.

Section 7. The passage of this act shall in no wise affect the provisions of sections one hundred twenty-four, one hundred twenty-five, one hundred twenty-six and one hundred twenty-seven of chapter fifteen of the revised statutes, or of section two of chapter one hundred and eleven of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seven.

This act  
not to af-  
fect certain  
provisions  
of the re-  
vised  
statutes.