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OF THE

SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

1913

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CHAP. 148 appeal from said decision in the manner provided for in section thirty-six of said chapter fifty-one of the revised statutes of Maine.

Amount to be paid by state limited.

Section 4. The amount to be paid under the provisions of the preceding sections by the state in any one year shall not exceed fifteen thousand dollars, and said sum, or such portion thereof as may be required, shall be expended from the annual railroad tax.

This act does not apply to railroads of less than standard gauge, exceptions.

Section 5. This act shall not apply to railroads of less than standard gauge or to street railroads, excepting, however, that in all cases where a street railroad has a right of way in a public way crossing a railroad the commission shall apportion to such street railroad an equitable share of the damages and expenses of alteration which shall be paid by said street railroad, and the balance of such expenses and damages shall be apportioned as provided in section one of this act; and in all cases where a street railroad acquires the right to lay its tracks over a crossing which has been altered under the provisions of this act, the railroad commissioners shall fix the amount which such railroad shall pay to the state before it shall exercise its right to lay its tracks over such crossing; and in either case the commissioners shall make such order for the apportionment of the expense of future maintenance of such crossing as they shall deem equitable.

Inconsistent acts repealed. —act takes effect Jan 1, 1914.

Section 6. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed, and this act shall take effect January first, nineteen hundred fourteen.

Approved March 31, 1913.

Chapter 148.

An Act to Amend Section Two of Chapter Fifteen of the Revised Statutes, as Amended, in Relation to the Continuance of Schools Failing to Maintain an Average Attendance of at Least Eight Pupils.

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

Section 2 of chap. 15, R. S., as amended by chap. 90 of P. L. of 1907, further amended.

Section two of chapter fifteen of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter ninety of the public laws of nineteen hundred seven, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "meeting" in the sixteenth line thereof the words 'or at a meeting called for that purpose,' so that said section when amended shall read as follows :

No change in location of school legally established.

'Section 2. The location of any school legally established prior to March seventeenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-three, continues unchanged, notwithstanding the district is abolished;

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 any school 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, or at a meeting called for that purpose, 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 common 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.'

Approved March 31, 1913.

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—towns may determine location and number on recommendation of school committee.

—operation of schools with few scholars may be suspended.

—superintendent shall procure conveyance for pupils.

—committee may furnish board instead of providing conveyance.

Chapter 149.

An Act to Amend Section Eight of Chapter Eighteen of the Revised Statutes, as Amended by Chapter Forty-eight of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Nine, Relating to the State Board of Health.

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

Section eight of chapter eighteen of the revised statutes, as amended in section two of chapter forty-eight of the public laws of nineteen hundred and nine, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "diseases" in the twenty-ninth line the following: 'for guarding against the transmission of infec-

Section 8 of chap. 18, R. S., as amended in section 2 of chap. 48, P. L. of 1909, further amended.