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payment of stipend only to such societies as have observed all of the said requirements.'

Approved April 5, 1929.

Chapter 189.

An Act with Reference to the Permanent Funds of the State.

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

Sec. 1. "State Trust Fund" created. The state auditor and state treasurer shall open on their books an account to be known as the "State Trust Fund." Said fund shall consist of and there shall be credited thereto on the first day of July in each year, the balance in excess of one million dollars which has been paid into the state treasury from inheritance taxes during the fiscal year ending June thirty, prior thereto.

Sec. 2. Distribution of funds by state auditor; investment of funds. The state treasurer shall as soon as practicable subsequent to July first in each year, transfer the funds in said State Trust Fund to the several trust funds of the state which were created or originated prior to the time when chapter two hundred and twenty-two of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-three took effect and which are not now represented by assets specifically segregated in the state treasury. The order and amount of distribution of such state trust funds between the several trust funds hereinbefore referred to shall be determined by the state auditor subject to the approval of the governor and council. The state treasurer shall, as soon as practicable after such segregation, invest said funds in accordance with the provisions of section two of chapter two hundred and twenty-two of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-three, as amended, and thereafter preserve the identity of such separate trusts.

Sec. 3. Limitations of act. The provisions of this act shall not extend to the fund arising from the lands reserved for public uses, which shall continue to be used for the purposes set forth in chapter three hundred and three of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen, as amended.

Sec. 4. Inconsistent acts repealed. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved April 5, 1929.

Chapter 190.

An Act Relating to the Temporary Closing of Schools.

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

R. S., c. 16, sec. 2; as amended; relating to suspending the operation of

a school temporarily, amended. Section two of chapter sixteen of the revised statutes of nineteen hundred and sixteen as amended, is hereby amended by striking out after the word "year" in line thirteen the words "unless otherwise" and inserting in place thereof 'but shall not close such school for a longer period unless so' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 2. Superintending school committee may suspend for not more than one year; exceptions; board of pupils provided for. The location of any school legally established prior to the seventeenth day of March, 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 but shall not close such school for a longer period unless so 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. In all cases, conveyance so provided shall conserve the comfort, safety and welfare of the children conveyed and shall be in charge of a responsible driver who shall have control over the conduct of the children conveyed. 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 April 4, 1929.