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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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## Chapter 59.

### AN ACT Relating to the Admissibility of Accounts in Evidence in Civil Proceedings.

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

Accounts not inadmissible because hearsay or self-serving; court in its discretion may require evidence. An entry in an account kept in a book or by a card system or by any other system of keeping accounts shall not be inadmissible in any civil proceeding as evidence of the facts therein stated because it is transcribed or because it is hearsay or self-serving, if the court finds that the entry was made in good faith in the regular course of business and before the beginning of the civil proceeding aforesaid. The court in its discretion, before admitting such entry in evidence, may, to such extent as it deems practicable or desirable but to no greater extent than the law required before the passage of this act, require the party offering the same to produce and offer in evidence the original entry, writing, document, or account, from which the entry offered or the facts therein stated were transcribed or taken, and to call as his witness any person who made the entry offered or the original or any other entry, writing, document or account from which the entry offered or the facts therein stated were transcribed or taken, or who has personal knowledge of the facts stated in the entry offered.

Approved March 10, 1933.

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## Chapter 60.

### AN ACT Decreasing the Subsidy Contributed by the State Relative to Education.

**Emergency Preamble.** Whereas, the income of the state from tax receipts is decreasing and during the fiscal years 1933 and 1934, and 1935, will be much less than during the fiscal years 1931 and 1932 and 1933, and

Whereas, certain public acts now in effect provide for the expenditure of large amounts of state tax moneys in the payment of state subsidies for certain educational requirements; and

Whereas, it is necessary in order that the financial condition of the state may be safeguarded during the present economic depression, and the state budget balanced without increasing the tax burden on the citizens of the state, that such subsidies should be curtailed temporarily, and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature these facts create an emergency within the meaning of section 16 of Article XXXI of the constitution