

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE.]

[No. 16.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND  
FIFTY-NINE.

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AN ACT providing for uniformity in the use of text  
books in the Common Schools.

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

SECTION 1. The Governor with the advice and consent of the Council, is hereby authorized to appoint two persons, who, together with the Superintendent of Common Schools, shall constitute a Board of Commissioners with authority to select the text books to be used in the Common Schools of this State in the several branches of spelling, reading, English grammar, arithmetic, geography and history, in accordance with the provisions of this act.

SECT. 2. The aforesaid Board of Commissioners, after due examination and deliberation, shall select

3 text books in the aforesaid branches of study, to be  
4 used in all the Common Schools of this State, until  
5 January first, eighteen hundred and sixty-five; limit-  
6 ing the number of said books in each branch to one  
7 or more at their discretion. And the said Board of  
8 Commissioners shall make their said examination and  
9 selection of the aforesaid text books, on or before the  
10 first day of August, eighteen hundred and fifty-nine;  
11 and in the said month of August shall cause a list of  
12 their selection of text books, with the prices annexed,  
13 to be published in all the newspapers printed in the  
14 State; and the said list of books, with the prices an-  
15 nexed, shall also be inserted in all the School Regis-  
16 ters until eighteen hundred and sixty-five; and the  
17 said selection of books shall be authoritative and bind-  
18 ing upon all the Superintending School Committees  
19 and Supervisors in the State, to be recommended for  
20 use in all the Common Schools of the State, and no  
21 other books in the aforesaid branches of study, than  
22 those of the aforesaid selection, shall be recommended  
23 by the Superintending School Committees or Super-  
24 visors, until January first, eighteen hundred and six-  
25 ty-five.

SECT. 3. The Superintending School Committees or  
2 Supervisors of Schools, in the several cities, towns and

3 plantations of this State, or some other person or per-  
4 sons, whom they may appoint, shall, at the expense of  
5 the city, town or plantation, or otherwise, as may be  
6 deemed most advantageous, or as the city, town or  
7 plantation may direct, procure a sufficient supply of  
8 the aforesaid selected text books for the use of their  
9 schools, and give sufficient notice of the place or pla-  
10 ces where said books may be obtained; and the said  
11 books shall be furnished to the pupils of the schools  
12 at such prices as merely to reimburse the cost of the  
13 same.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect from and after its  
2 approval by the Governor.

STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 5, 1859.

On motion of Mr. ESTES of Trenton, laid on the table and 350 copies of the same, ordered to be printed for the use of the Legislature.

GEO. W. WILCOX, *Clerk.*