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to the said commissioner that any town should receive special aid or encouragement for the purpose of raising the standard of qualifications of teachers or of increasing the length of the school year or otherwise adding to the efficiency of the schools, he shall issue to the governor and council a recommendation relative thereto, and the governor and council may draw a warrant in favor of the treasurer of said town for the payment from the equalization fund of a sum which shall be expended under the direction of the superintending school committee of said town in accordance with the recommendation as made by the said commissioner. The said commissioner may expend for the special investigation of educational facilities as herein provided a sum not to exceed \$2000 which shall be deducted from the equalization fund.'

Approved March 8, 1939.

Chapter 48

AN ACT Relating to the Regrouping of School Unions.

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

R. S., c. 19, § 62, amended. Section 62 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 62. Towns may be combined into unions for supervision; exceptions; appeal. It shall be the duty of the commissioner of education and the committee of 3 hereinafter named, ~~on or before the 1st day of July, 1940,~~ to regroup all the towns in the state, except as herein provided, into unions for the purpose of employing superintendents of schools. Such supervisory unions as shall have been formed on June 30, 1933 may be dissolved by the commissioner of education for the purpose of a more advantageous combination. Regroupings shall be made only when vacancies occur by death, resignation or failure of re-election. Whenever such regroupings are made, the commissioner of education shall have authority to re-allocate any town or towns in the unions affected to unions already organized. ~~All existing contracts shall remain binding but no contract shall be renewed or made terminating later than June 30, 1940 excepting that~~ In case of unions already regrouped or not subject to further regrouping, the term of the election of a superintendent may be made for a period not exceeding 5 years but in a union subject to regrouping such term of election shall not exceed 3 years. A committee of 3, who shall act with the commissioner in the matter of regrouping shall be appointed by the governor and council. ~~Said committee shall serve until July 1, 1940.~~ The necessary travel expense of said committee shall be paid by the state ~~and~~

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there is hereby appropriated for this purpose a sum not exceeding \$300. from the regular appropriation provided for general office expenses in the department of education. Provided, however, that any superintending school committee of a town dissatisfied with the combination proposed by the commissioner of education and the committee to include that town may appeal to the governor and council who shall make the final decision relative thereto. ~~The unions formed under the provisions of sections 62 to 73 shall be effective July 1, 1940.~~ Whenever, upon the representation of the superintending school committee of any town, it shall appear to the commissioner of education to be to the advantage of said town and of the state to change the combination of towns composing the union of which said town is a part, the commissioner of education shall have authority to direct the dissolution and organization of unions so that a more advantageous combination may be effected. Provided, however, that any superintending school committee of a town dissatisfied with the change in the combination proposed by the commissioner of education to include that town may appeal to the governor and council, who shall make the final decision relative thereto.'

Approved March 8, 1939.

Chapter 49

AN ACT Relating to Probation Officers.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 147, § 10, amended. Section 10 of chapter 147 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding at the end of said section the following:

'The county of Androscoggin shall have 2 probation officers, 1 to be designated probation officer and 1 to be designated assistant probation officer; and the county commissioners for Androscoggin county shall pay the probation officer a salary of \$1800, annually, and shall pay the assistant probation officer a salary of \$1000, annually; and furthermore the probation officers for Androscoggin county shall be entitled to select a clerk or stenographer for the probation office, and the county commissioners shall appropriate the sum of \$500, annually, for such clerk hire. Furthermore, the county commissioners for Androscoggin county shall provide suitable quarters in the county building for this office.'

Sec. 2. Repealing clause. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, insofar as they relate to this act.

Approved March 8, 1939.