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September 30, 1947

Earle R. Hayes, Director Employees' Retirement System

Re: Isaiah M. Hodges

This department acknowledges receipt of your memo of August 8th, with relation to the status of Isaiah M. Hodges, superintendent of schools, Turner, Maine, who by letter attempts to qualify under subdivision of Section 6-A of the State Employees' Retirement Act. (VII)

This section applies only to State employees who are members of the State Employees' Retirement System provided for in Chapter 60 of the Revised Statutes of 1944 or those who joined that System prior to July 1, 1947. The latter could apply only to those State employees who waived in writing any rights under the provisions of that law. They were given the choice of coming in prior to July 1, 1947, and they could thus obtain the benefits under the law as a mended by Chapter 384 of the Public Laws of 1947.

Mr. Hodges, however, was not a member of that System, nor was he eligible to become a member, as the provisions of that chapter included only superintendents of schools in service as such prior to July 1, 1924.

You are therefore advised that this gentleman is not eligible to qualify under subdivision VII of Section 6-A of the new Act.

Abraham Breitbard Deputy Attorney General

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