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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Certificates for Teaching.

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

R. S., c. 41. § 184, repealed and replaced. Section 184 of chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 8 of chapter 369 of the public laws of 1955, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof :

'Sec. 184. Certificates; college graduate; academic subjects. As used in this section "academic subject matter" refers exclusively to a course of study in the following areas, which, for purposes of this section, shall be called "academic subject matter areas": Physical and natural sciences, social science, humanities, including English and foreign languages, and mathematics. The State Board of Education shall determine whether or not a given course of study constitutes academic subject matter, and within which academic subject matter area it shall be classified.

Candidates for certificates of qualification to teach who are at least 21 years of age and furnish evidence of good moral character and training in physiology and hygiene, with special reference to the effects of alcoholic drinks, stimulants and narcotics upon the human system, shall be divided into 2 classes as follows:

I. College, teachers' college, normal school. Graduates of a college, teachers' college or normal school having at least a 2-years' course for graduates of high schools or academies;

II. College or university. Graduates of a college or university approved by the Board of Education with at least 84 hours of credit from such college or university in the aggregate of all academic subject matter areas.

Candidates meeting the requirements of subsection I and such further regulations pertinent thereto as may be prescribed by the commissioner shall be granted a certificate signed by the commissioner to teach in subprimary through grade 8, and in grades 9 through 12 in all courses not within any academic subject matter area. They shall be granted a certificate of qualification to teach in grades 9 through 12 limited to courses within any academic subject matter areas in which they present at least 18 hours of credit from any college or university approved by the Board of Education. In lieu of such credits such certificate of qualification shall be granted each such candidate who shall pass a satisfactory examination in the academic subject matter area or areas in which he seeks said certificate.

Candidates under subsection II shall be granted such certificate signed by the commissioner to teach in grades 9 through 12 limited to courses within any academic subject matter areas in which they present at least 18 hours of credit from any college or university approved by the Board of Education. They shall be granted a certificate of qualification to teach in subprimary through grade 8 if they shall pass satisfactory examinations administered by the commissioner in each of the following areas: Teaching of arithmetic, teaching of science, teaching of language arts, teaching of social studies, child psychology. In lieu of the examination in any area or areas a candidate may present at least 3 hours credit in such area from any college, university or normal school approved by the Board of Education.

Certificates of qualification shall be granted teachers of 2 years' service and satisfactory fitness on the presentation of evidence of the same and under such special conditions as the commissioner may prescribe.

Certificates may be granted to persons holding certificates granted by authority of other states under such special conditions as the commissioner may prescribe.

Any certificate granted under this or any preceding law may for sufficient cause be revoked and annulled. Nothing in this section relative to revocation of teachers' certificates shall be retroactive. Any teacher whose certificate has been revoked shall be granted a hearing on request before a committee; one member to be selected by the commissioner, the 2nd by the teacher involved and the 3rd by the other 2 members. The hearings before the committee may be public at its discretion and its decision shall be final.'