

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 952

H. P. 781

House of Representatives, March 6, 1975

Referred to the Committee on Education. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Fenlason of Danforth.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Increase the Fee for Registration of Teachers.

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

20 MRSA § 1801, as amended by PL 1967, c. 425, § 19, is further amended to read:

§ 1801. Registration; list furnished; fee

Any person holding a state teachers' certificate, or eligible to receive such, may upon the payment of ~~\$3~~ \$5 and upon application to the commissioner in such manner as may be prescribed by him, register as a candidate for employment as a teacher in the public schools within the State. It shall be the duty of the said commissioner to furnish to school committees, school directors or superintendents of schools, upon request, information relative to persons registered and to furnish persons thus registered information relative to vacancies in positions in public schools within the State. Neither the said commissioner nor any person employed under his direction shall be held responsible for, nor be understood to vouch for, the fitness or success of any teacher who may secure a position in a public school through the operation of this section, nor shall the acceptance of this enrollment and the payment of the required fee be construed as a guarantee for securing employment as a teacher. The payment of the above fee shall entitle the person registering to the benefit of such registration for a period of ~~3 years~~ one year.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The \$3 registration fee for a period of 3 years has been in effect since 1917. The supply and demand in relation to teachers has changed drastically since

then. Many of the individuals registered with the Teacher Placement Service do not notify them when they move or are no longer interested in the service of the Teacher Placement Service. Thus, records of individuals who are not available are often sent out to superintendents. A one-year Teacher Placement Service would enable them to keep their records more up-to-date and thus provide a better service to those registered and to the schools.

At the present time there are over 4,000 individuals registered with the Teacher Placement Service. This bill would increase revenue by approximately \$16,000 a year if the number of registrants remained the same.