

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 340**

H. P. 264

House of Representatives, February 6, 1979

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Diamond of Windham.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-NINE

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**AN ACT Concerning School Principals.**

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

**Sec. 1.** 20 MRSA c. 103, first 2 lines, are repealed and the following enacted in their place:

**CHAPTER 103**

**DUTIES OF ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS**

**SUBCHAPTER I**

**GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**Sec. 2.** 20 MRSA c. 103, sub-c. II, is enacted to read:

**SUBCHAPTER II**

**SCHOOL PRINCIPAL**

**§ 881. Employment of principals**

**The board of directors or school committee of each school administrative unit shall employ through written contract public school principals.**

**§ 882. Qualifications of principal**

A principal shall be eligible for or hold a valid supervisory or administrative certificate.

**§ 883. Duties of a principal**

A principal shall:

1. **Supervise.** Supervise the operation and management of the school or schools and property as the superintendent shall determine necessary under the policy established by the board of directors or school committee;

2. **Administer.** Assume administrative responsibility and instructional leadership, under the supervision of the superintendent, and in accordance with the rules and regulations of the board of directors or school committee, for the planning, management, operation and evaluation of the educational program of the attendance area to which he is assigned;

3. **Make recommendations.** Submit recommendations to the superintendent regarding the appointment, assignment, promotion, transfer and dismissal of all personnel assigned to the attendance area; and

4. **Perform other duties.** Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the superintendent pursuant to the rules of the board of directors or school committee.

**§ 884. Teaching principal**

Any principal who teaches 20 or more hours per week during a school year shall be deemed, during that school year, to hold the same status and to be entitled to the same benefits as a teacher under the Maine Revised Statutes, and shall not be required to meet the qualifications set out in section 882, nor to perform the duties set out in section 883.

**STATEMENT OF FACT**

This bill outlines the qualifications and duties of a school principal. It further states that any principal who teaches 20 or more hours a week during a school year shall not be required to meet the qualifications and perform the duties of a principal, but shall rather be entitled to the same status and same benefits as a teacher.