

## FORTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 83.

## STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SIXTY-NINE.

AN ACT establishing County Teachers' Institutes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the state super-2 intendent of common schools on the written request of 3 twenty-five teachers in any county, to hold therein 4 annually a teachers' institute, to continue at least ten 5 days, (Sundays excepted,) to give due notice thereof 6 to all teachers, and persons proposing to become such, 7 and invite their attendance. The state superintendent, 8 or some person designated by him, shall attend and 9 have charge of each convention, and employ suitable 10 instructors and lecturers, to give instruction and ad-11 dresses, with the view to aid teachers in qualifying 12 themselves for a more successful discharge of their

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13 duties. An examination of teachers shall be held the
14 closing day or days of the session, and certificates of
15 scholarships and qualifications shall be granted by the
16 examining committee, of such form and grade as may
17 be deemed best by the state superintendent.

SECT. 2. To defray the expenses of these institutes 2 the sum of four thousand dollars shall be annually ap-3 propriated, to be expended by the state superintendent, 4 who shall render an account thereof to the governor 5 and council, to be examined and audited by them.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect when approved.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 1, 1869.

Reported by Mr. STONE, from Committee on Education, and printed under the Joint Rule.

S. J. CHADBOURNE, Clerk.