

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty - Second Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 58.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND
EIGHTY-FIVE.

AN ACT to provide for the holding of County
Teachers' Conventions.

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

SECTION 1. Whenever not less than thirty of
2 the teachers and school officers of any county shall
3 have formed an association under rules of govern-
4 ment approved by the State Superintendent of Com-
5 mon Schools, for the purpose of mutual improvement
6 in the science and art of teaching, and of creating
7 popular interest in and diffusing a knowledge of
8 the best methods of improving our public school
9 system, by the holding of conventions at least
10 once every year under the supervision of the State

11 Superintendent, the State shall defray the neces-
12 sary expenses attending the holding such conven-
13 tions, for which purpose the sum of six hundred
14 dollars is hereby annually appropriated, to be de-
15 ducted and set aside therefor by the State Treas-
16 urer from the annual school fund of the State;
17 *provided*, however, that no more than two such
18 associations shall be formed in any county, and
19 that the expenses as aforesaid of no more than
20 two conventions of any such association in any
21 year shall be defrayed by the State.

SECT. 2. Teachers of public schools are hereby
2 authorized to suspend their schools for not more
3 than two days in any year during the sessions of
4 such conventions within their counties, unless
5 otherwise directed in writing by the school offi-
6 cers, and attend said convention without forfeiture
7 of pay for the time of such attendance; *provided*,
8 they shall present to the officers employing them,
9 certificates signed by the secretaries of such con-
10 ventions and countersigned by the State Super-
11 intendent of Common Schools, showing such at-
12 tendance.

SECT. 3. The Governor and Council are hereby
2 authorized to draw warrants on the State Treas-
3 urer for the payment of bills for the expenses

4 herein provided for, when such bills shall have been
5 approved by the State Superintendent of Common
6 Schools; *provided*, however, that no bills shall be
7 so paid except those for advertising such conven-
8 tions and for actual traveling expenses of speakers
9 and lecturers not residing in the counties where
10 such conventions are held.

SECT. 4. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent
2 herewith are hereby repealed.

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STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE CHAMBER, }
February 13, 1885. }

Reported by Mr. LIBBEY, from Committee on Education, and laid on
table to be printed under joint rule.

C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary.*