

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Sixty-Eighth Legislature.

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SENATE.

No. 121.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED  
AND NINETY-SEVEN

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AN ACT to provide for the Examination of Candidates for  
positions as teachers in the Public Schools of the State.

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

Section 1. The State superintendent of public schools shall  
2 have charge of the examination of all candidates for posi-  
3 tions as teachers in the public schools of the State.

Sect. 2. He may appoint local conductors to take charge  
2 of the examinations in the towns where he authorizes the  
3 same to be held. The powers and duties of these conductors  
4 shall be such as are prescribed by the State superintendent.

5 The pay of each conductor shall be \$2.00 per day while  
6 engaged in the examination of candidates.

Sect. 3. He shall provide for holding examinations, at  
2 least twice each year, shall give proper notices of the hold-  
3 ing of the same, and they shall be held in such towns as in  
4 his judgment, will best accommodate the candidates who  
5 signify their intention of taking the examination.

He shall make provision for the examination of all candi-  
7 dates for teachers' certificates in the subjects taught in the  
8 public schools, and such other subjects as he may deem  
9 necessary to ascertain the fitness of candidates to teach.

Sect. 4. He may issue three grades of certificates, and  
2 when issued, the first grade shall be valid for five years, the  
3 second grade for three years, and the third grade for one  
4 year. Said certificates shall state the subjects in which the  
5 persons holding the same have been examined, and show  
6 their proficiency in each, and shall state the grade of school  
7 or schools which they are qualified to teach.

Sect. 5. He shall not grant to the same candidate more  
2 than three, third grade certificates. He may grant to grad-  
3 uates of high schools, academies or seminaries, having a  
4 course of study of not less than four years and approved by  
5 him, and to graduates of State normal schools, third grade  
6 certificates without examination, provided such candidates  
7 furnish him with satisfactory evidence of possessing such  
8 moral and professional fitness as will enable them to con-  
9 duct a school successfully. He may grant to graduates of

10 State normal schools, who are also graduates of high  
11 schools, academies or seminaries, a second grade certificate  
12 without examination, provided that such candidates furnish  
13 him with satisfactory evidence of possessing such moral  
14 and professional fitness as will enable them to conduct a  
15 school successfully. He may grant to graduates of col-  
16 leges a first grade certificate without examination, provided  
17 that such candidates furnish him with satisfactory evidence  
18 of possessing such moral and professional fitness as will  
19 enable them to conduct a successful school.

If at any time satisfactory evidence shall be presented to  
21 the State superintendent that any holder of a State certifi-  
22 cate has proved unfit morally or professionally for the posi-  
23 tion of teacher, said superintendent shall have power to  
24 revoke such certificate.

Sect. 6. Towns employing teachers who do not hold  
2 certificates from the State superintendent shall forfeit  
3 twenty-five per cent. of their share of the State school fund.

Sect. 7. There shall be appropriated annually from the  
2 State school fund \$650 to pay the expenses of conducting  
3 the examinations provided for in this act, the same to be  
4 expended under direction of the governor and council. All  
5 acts and parts of acts in conflict herewith are hereby  
6 repealed.

Sect. 8. The State superintendent may conduct examina-  
2 tions and issue certificates as provided for in this act, at any  
3 time after passage of the same, whenever in his judgment

4 a sufficient number of candidates have presented themselves.  
5 to warrant him in taking such action, and the certificates  
6 issued by him shall be valid and in full force from the date  
7 of issuing the same, provided however that the provisions  
8 of this act shall not be made compulsory on the towns and  
9 teachers of the State until September 1, 1899.

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STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, March 2, 1897.

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

**KENDALL M. DUNBAR, Secretary.**