

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Sixty-Eighth Legislature.

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SENATE.

No. 194.

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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 relating to the employment of Superintendents of  
Schools.

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

Section 1. On and after July 1, 1897, the school committee  
2 of two or more towns, having under their care and custody  
3 an aggregate of not less than twenty-five or more than  
4 fifty schools, may unite in the employment of a superin-  
5 tendent of schools, provided they have been so authorized  
6 by a vote of their towns at the regular town meetings or  
7 special town meetings called for that purpose.

Sect. 2. The school committees of the towns comprising  
2 a union shall form a joint committee, and for the purposes  
3 of this act said joint committee shall be held to be the

4 agents of each town comprising the union. Said join com-  
5 mittee shall meet annually at a day and place agreed upon  
6 by the chairman of the committees of the several towns  
7 comprising the union, and shall organize by the choice of  
8 a chairman and a secretary. They shall determine the rela-  
9 tive amount of service to be performed by the superin-  
10 tendent in each town, fix his salary, apportion the amounts  
11 thereof to be paid by the several towns, which amount shall  
12 be certified to the treasurers of said towns respectively;  
13 provided that the amounts so certified shall be in propor-  
14 tion to the amount of service performed in the several  
15 towns. They shall choose by ballot a superintendent of  
16 schools, in which choice the committee of each town shall  
17 have a vote proportional to the town's share of the expendi-  
18 ture for the superintendent's salary.

Sect. 3. Whenever the chairman and secretary of said  
2 joint committee shall certify under oath to the State super-  
3 intendent of common schools, (the form of certificate to  
4 be determined by said State superintendent,) in accordance  
5 with the provisions of this act, that a union has been  
6 effected as herein provided, that the towns unitedly have  
7 raised by taxation a sum not less than five hundred dollars  
8 for the support of a superintendent of schools, and that  
9 under the provision of this act a superintendent of schools  
10 has been employed for one year, then, upon the approval  
11 of said certificate by the State superintendent of common  
12 schools, and the presentation thereof to the governor and  
13 council, a warrant shall be drawn upon the treasurer of the  
14 State for the payment to the treasurers of the several towns  
15 of a sum equal to one-half the amount expended for super-  
16 intence by each of the several towns comprising the

17 union, provided that not more than two hundred and fifty  
18 dollars shall be paid to any one town or more than seven  
19 hundred and fifty dollars to all the towns comprising any  
20 union.

Sect. 4. The towns uniting for the purpose of employing  
2 a superintendent of schools shall appropriate for his salary  
3 their proportion of the sum paid said superintendent; and  
4 the amount to be paid by each town shall be determined by  
5 dividing the entire sum expended for superintendence  
6 among the towns comprising the union in the proportion  
7 of the service performed in each town.

Sect. 5. Persons employed to serve as superintendents  
2 of schools under this act shall hold State certificates under  
3 the act of 1895 providing for the State examination of  
4 teachers, and shall devote their entire time to superintend-  
5 ence.

Sect. 6. The powers and duties of superintendents elected  
2 under this act shall be the same as those prescribed for  
3 town superintendents in chapter 11, section 87 of the Pub-  
4 lic Laws of the State of Maine.

Sect. 7. No town shall receive State aid under this act  
2 unless its appropriation and expenditure for superintend-  
3 ence have been exclusive of the amount required by law for  
4 common school purposes.

If any part of the money raised by the towns or union  
6 of towns, or paid to them by the State for superintendence,  
7 is expended for any other purposes than those provided for  
8 in this act, then each person so misappropriating said  
9 money shall forfeit double the sum so misapplied, to be  
10 recovered in an action of debt, in the name and to the use  
11 of the town, by any inhabitant thereof; and no town or

12 union of towns shall receive further aid under this act until  
13 the amount so misapplied has been raised and expended  
14 for superintendence by such town or union of towns.

Sect. 8. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this  
2 act are hereby repealed.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, March 19, 1897.

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

**KENDALL M. DUNBAR, Secretary.**