

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 449

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND SEVEN.

AN ACT to amend Sections forty-one, forty-two and forty-three of Chapter fifteen of the Revised Statutes, relating to District Superintendents of Schools.

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

Section 1. Section forty-one of chapter fifteen of the 2 revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting in line 3 eleven after the word "respectively" the words 'and to the 4 state superintendent of schools,' also by striking out lines 5 fourteen and fifteen of said section, so that said section as 6 amended, shall read:

'The school committees of the towns comprising a union 8 shall form a joint committee, and for the purposes of this 9 section and the four following sections, said joint com-

10 mittee shall be held to be the agents of each town com-
11 prising the union. Said joint committee shall meet
12 annually at a day and place agreed upon by the chairman
13 of the committees of the several towns comprising the
14 union, and shall organize by the choice of a chairman and
15 a secretary. They shall determine the relative amount of
16 service to be performed by the superintendent in each
17 town, fix his salary, apportion the amounts thereof to be
18 paid by the several towns, which amount shall be certified
19 to the treasurers of said towns respectively and to the
20 state superintendent of schools, together with the amount
21 apportioned to each town; provided, that the amounts so
22 certified shall be in proportion to the amount of service
23 performed in the several towns. They shall choose by
24 ballot a superintendent of schools for a term not exceed-
25 ing five years.'

Sect. 2. Section forty-two of said chapter is hereby
2 amended by striking out all after the word "oath" in the
3 second line of said section and inserting instead the follow-
4 ing: 'to the state superintendent of schools, according to
5 form prescribed by the board, that a union has been main-
6 tained and a superintendent employed as provided in
7 sections forty and forty-one of this chapter, which certifi-
8 cation shall be made quarterly, on the first days of January,
9 April, July and October of each year, then, upon approval
10 of said certificate by the state superintendent of schools
11 and presentation to the governor or council, a warrant
12 shall be drawn upon the treasurer of the state for the
13 payment to the superintendent so employed of a sum equal
14 to twice the aggregate sum paid by the towns comprising

15 the union, provided that the amount so paid for the bene-
16 fit of a single union of towns shall not exceed eight hun-
17 dred dollars in one year,' so that said section, as amended,
18 shall read:

'Whenever the chairman and secretary of said joint
20 committee shall certify under oath to the state superin-
21 tendent of schools, according to form prescribed by the
22 state superintendent that a union has been maintained
23 and a superintendent employed as provided in sections
24 forty and forty-one of this chapter, which certification
25 shall be made quarterly, on the first days of January,
26 April, July and October of each year, then, upon approval
27 of said certificate by the board and presentation to the
28 governor and council, a warrant shall be drawn upon the
29 treasurer of the state for the payment to the superintend-
30 ent so employed of a sum equal to twice the aggregate
31 sum paid by the towns comprising the union, provided
32 that the amount so paid for the benefit of a single union
33 of towns shall not exceed eight hundred dollars in one year.'

Sect. 3. Section forty-three of said chapter is hereby
2 amended by adding thereto the following: 'A union of
3 towns formed under the provisions of sections forty and
4 forty-one shall continue for a period of three years unless
5 sooner dissolved by a two-thirds vote of the joint com-
'6 mittee,' so that said section as amended shall read as
7 follows:

'The towns uniting for the purpose of employing a super-
9 intendent of schools shall appropriate for his salary their
10 proportion of the sum paid said superintendent; and the
11 amount to be paid by each town shall be determined by

12 dividing the entire sum expended for superintendence
13 among the towns comprising the union in the proportion
14 of the service performed in each town. A union of towns
15 formed under the provisions of sections forty and forty-
16 one shall continue for a period of three years unless sooner
17 dissolved by a two-thirds vote of the joint committee.'

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Augusta, March 8, 1907.

Reported by Mr. GLEASON from the Committee on Education, and
ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk*