

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE.

No. 35

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to provide for the State examination and certification  
of all teachers of Public Schools.

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*Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:*

Section 1. The State superintendent of public schools together with two other persons appointed for a term of two years by the governor and council on his recommendation, shall constitute a State board of teachers' examiners whose duties it shall be to hold at such times and places as they shall from time to time designate, public examinations of candidates for the position of teacher in the public schools of this State. Said board shall meet not exceeding four times a year on call of the State superintendent, for the performance of the duties herein imposed upon them, for

11 which the two members appointed as aforesaid shall be paid  
12 five dollars per diem together with actual traveling expenses.

Sect. 2. The examination herein provided for shall test  
2 the professional as well as the scholastic abilities of the  
3 candidates and shall be conducted by such parties and in  
4 such manner as said board may determine. Due notice of  
5 the times, places and other conditions of the examinations  
6 shall be given in such public manner as said board may  
7 determine.

Sect. 3. Certificates of qualification signed by the State  
2 superintendent shall be granted to all candidates who pass  
3 satisfactory examinations in such branches as are required  
4 by law to be taught in the common schools of the State,  
5 and in such other branches as said board may require, and  
6 who in other respects fulfil the proper requirements. Such  
7 certificates shall be either probationary or permanent and  
8 shall indicate the grade of schools which the person named  
9 therein is qualified to teach. Provided, however, that cer-  
10 tificates may be granted without the examination herein pre-  
11 scribed, to graduates of normal schools and colleges and  
12 to teachers of long service and superior fitness, on the  
13 presentation of such evidence of fitness and under such  
14 special conditions as said board may prescribe. Provided,  
15 further, that certificates may, under rules prescribed by  
16 said board, be granted to persons holding State certificates  
17 granted by authority of other states. Provided further,  
18 that said board may after due investigation revoke and

19 annul for sufficient cause any State certificate granted under  
20 this or any preceding act.

Sect. 4. A list of persons so certificated shall be kept in  
2 the office of the State superintendent of public schools and  
3 copies of the same with such information as may be desired  
4 shall be sent to school committees and superintendents upon  
5 their request.

Sect. 5. No person shall be employed to teach in any  
2 school under the supervision and control of any local school  
3 board of any city, town or plantation of this State, after  
4 January one, nineteen hundred and eleven, who does not  
5 hold a State certificate as herein provided. Provided, how-  
6 ever, that any person who has never taught, not holding a  
7 State certificate, may be granted a temporary teaching per-  
8 mit for a period not to exceed one year, upon examination  
9 by the superintendent of schools of the town in which such  
10 person is to be employed. Provided further, that all State  
11 certificates heretofore granted shall continue in force in  
12 accordance with the terms stated therein.

Sect. 6. Whoever teaches a public school without first  
2 obtaining a State teachers' certificate or a temporary teach-  
3 ing permit as herein provided, forfeits not exceeding the  
4 sum contracted for his daily wages, for each day he so  
5 teaches and is barred from receiving pay therefor.

Sect. 7. For the necessary expenses of carrying out the  
2 provisions of this act, there is hereby appropriated for the  
3 year nineteen hundred and nine the sum of one thousand

4 dollars, for the year nineteen hundred and ten the sum of  
5 one thousand five hundred dollars and annually thereafter  
6 the sum of one thousand dollars.

Sect. 8. All laws and parts of laws inconsistent with the  
2 provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

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STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE,

January 20, 1909.

Presented by Mr. KNOWLTON of Piscataquis and on his motion  
tabled for printing pending reference.

F. G. FARRINGTON, *Secretary*.