

# SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

#### SENATE.

No. 71

## STATE OF MAINE.

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

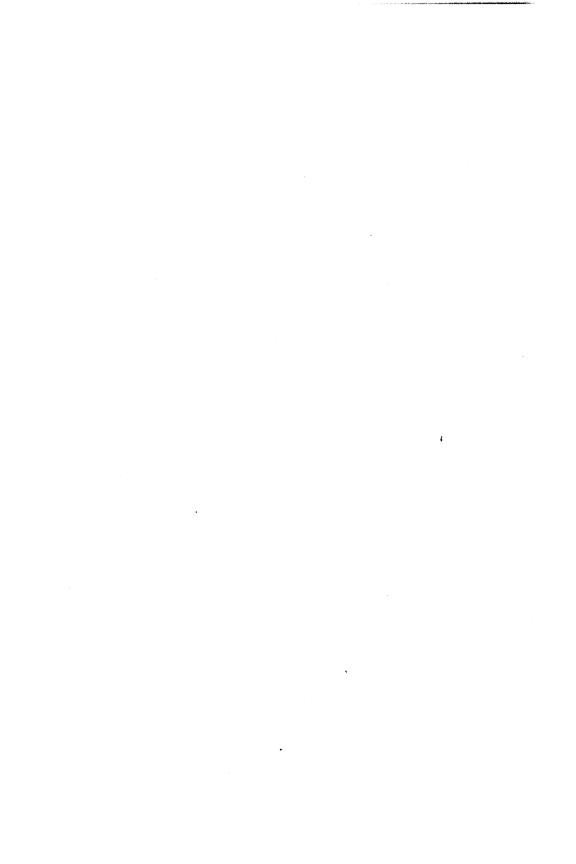
AN ACT to amend paragraph two, section thirty-five of chapter fifteen of the Revised Statutes, relating to the duties of Superintending School Committees.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:
Section I. Paragraph two of section thirty-five of chapter
2 fifteen of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by adding
3 thereto the following:

'They shall purchase for every school under their super-5 vision at least six suitable dictionaries each of which shall 6 contain the definitions of no less than twenty-five thousand 7 words, and said dictionaries shall be paid for from the money 8 annually raised for school books,' so that said paragraph 9 as amended shall read as follows: 'Sect. 35. Superintending school committees shall perform 11 the following duties.

'II. Direct the general course of instruction, and select a 13 uniform system of text-books, due notice of which shall be 14 given; no text-book thus introduced, shall be changed for 15 five years unless by vote of the town; any person violating 16 this provision shall forfeit not exceeding five hundred dol-17 lars, to be recovered in an action of debt by any school 18 officer or person aggrieved. And when said committee have 10 made such selection of school books, they may contract, under 20 section nineteen, with the publishers for the purchase and 21 delivery thereof; make such rules as they deem effectual for 22 their preservation and return; or, if they are kept for sale, 23 may regulate the sale and appoint an agent to keep and sell 24 them, and fix the retail price, which shall be marked on the 25 title page of each book. They shall purchase for every 26 school under their supervision at least six suitable diction-27 aries each of which shall contain the definitions of no less 28 than twenty-five thousand words, and said dictionaries shall 29 be paid for from the money annually raised for school 30 books.'

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect July first, one thousand 2 nine hundred and nine.



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IN SENATE,

January 28, 1909.

Came from the House referred to the Committee on Education, and on motion by Mr. HOWES of Somerset tabled for printing.

F. G. FARRINGTON, Secretary.