

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE.

No. 314

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to provide for the State examination and certification
of all teachers of public schools.

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

Section 1. The State Superintendent of public schools
2 together with two other persons appointed for a term of two
3 years by the Governor and Council upon his recommenda-
4 tion, shall constitute a State Board of teachers Examiners
5 whose duties it shall be to hold at such times and places as
6 they shall from time to time designate, public examinations
7 of candidates for the position of teacher in the public schools
8 of this State. Said board shall meet not exceeding four
9 times a year on call of the State Superintendent, for the
10 performance of the duties herein imposed upon them, for

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

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

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, and
5 in such other branches as said Board may require, and who
6 in other respects fulfill the proper requirements. Such cer-
7 tificates shall be either probationary or permanent and shall
8 indicate the grade of schools which the persons named there-
9 in is qualified to teach. Provided, however, that certificates
10 may be granted without the examinations herein prescribed,
11 to graduates of Normal Schools, Training Schools and Col-
12 leges and to teachers of long service and superior fitness,
13 on the presentation of such evidence of fitness and under
14 such special conditions as said board may prescribe. Pro-
15 vided further that certificates may under rules prescribed
16 by said board be granted to persons holding State certifi-
17 cate granted by authority of other states. Provided further
18 that said board may after due investigation revoke and an-

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

Sect. 4. A list of persons so certified shall be kept in the
2 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 1, 1911, who does not hold a State certificate as
5 herein provided. Provided, however, that any person who
6 has never taught, not holding a State certificate, may be
7 granted a temporary teaching permit for a period not to ex-
8 ceed one year, upon examination by the superintendent of
9 schools of the town in which such person is to be employed
10 and the name of persons holding such temporary teaching
11 permit shall be filed with the State Superintendent of Pub-
12 lic Schools by the superintendent of schools of the town in
13 which said persons are employed. Provided, further, that
14 all State certificates heretofore granted shall continue in
15 force in accordance with the terms stated therein.

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

Sect. 7. For the necessary expenses for carrying out the provisions of this act, there is hereby appropriated for the year nineteen hundred and nine the sum of one thousand dollars, for the year nineteen hundred and ten the sum of one thousand five hundred dollars and annually thereafter the sum of one thousand dollars.

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

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE,

March 2, 1909.

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

F. G. FARRINGTON, *Secretary.*