

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 137

House of Representatives, Feb. 9, 1911.

Introduced by Mr. Boman of Vinalhaven, who moved its reference to the Committee on Education. By Mr. Trafton of Fort Fairfield tabled for printing pending reference to a committee.

C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to amend Section forty of Chapter fifteen of the Revised Statutes as amended, relating to the union of two or more towns for the employment of a superintendent of schools.

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

Section 1. Section forty of Chapter fifteen of the Revised
2 Statutes as amended by Chapter fifty-five of the Public Laws
3 of nineteen hundred and seven and by Chapter one hundred
4 and twenty-two of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred and
5 nine is further amended by adding to said section as amend-
6 ed the following: 'Provided further in any case where it
7 shall appear to the governor and council, upon the repre-

8 sentation of the school committees of certain towns, that
9 owing to geographical situation or other reasons it is to the
10 advantage of the state and of the said towns that a union
11 shall include fewer than twenty or more than fifty schools
12 said governor and council shall have authority to direct the
13 state superintendent to approve the certificate of such union,
14 and a union so formed shall, except for the number of
15 schools, be governed by the conditions herein prescribed for
16 unions of towns,' so that said section when amended shall
17 read as follows:

'Sect. 40. The school committees of two or more towns
19 having under their care and custody an aggregate of not
20 less than twenty, nor more than fifty schools, may unite in
21 the employment of a superintendent of schools, provided
22 they have been so authorized by a vote of their towns at the
23 regular town meetings, or special town meetings called for
24 that purpose. Provided, further, that such union shall not
25 take effect until the state superintendent of public schools
26 shall have approved the certificate of union as hereinafter
27 provided. But the committee of any town dissatisfied with
28 the decision of the state superintendent may appeal to the
29 governor and council, who shall make the final decision rela-
30 tive thereto. Provided, further, in any case where it shall
31 appear to the governor and council, upon the representation
32 of the school committee of certain towns that, owing to geo-
33 graphical situation or other reasons it is to the advantage of
34 the state and of the said towns that a union shall include

35 fewer than twenty or more than fifty schools said governor
36 and council shall have authority to direct the state superin-
37 tendent to approve the certificate of such union, and a union
38 so formed shall, except for the number of schools, be gov-
39 erned by the conditions herein prescribed for unions of
40 towns.”