

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 277

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STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to provide for the state certification of all teachers of
public schools.

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

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the state superintendent of
2 public schools to cause to be held at least once each year at
3 such times and at such places as he may designate public ex-
4 amination of candidates for the position of teacher in the pub-
5 lic schools.

Sect. 2. The examination herein provided for shall test the
2 professional as well as the scholastic abilities of the candi-
3 dates and shall be conducted by such parties and in such
4 manner as the state superintendent may determine. Due

5 public notices of the time, places and other conditions of the
6 examination shall be given.

Sect. 3. Certificates of qualification signed by the state su-
2 perintendent of public schools shall be granted to all candi-
3 dates who pass satisfactory examinations in such branches as
4 are required or permitted by law to be taught in the public
5 schools and who in other respects fulfil the proper require-
6 ments. Such certificate shall be either probationary or per-
7 manent and shall indicate the grade of schools which the
8 person named therein is qualified to teach. Provided, how-
9 ever, that the certificate may be granted without the exam-
10 ination herein prescribed to graduates of colleges and Maine
11 state normal schools or of other normal training schools hav-
12 ing a two years' course for graduates of high schools or
13 academies and to teachers of three years' service and satis-
14 factory fitness, on the presentation of such evidence of fit-
15 ness and under such special conditions as the state superin-
16 tendent of public schools may prescribe. Provided, further,
17 that certificates may, under the rules prescribed by the state
18 superintendent, be granted to persons holding state certifi-
19 cates granted by authority of other states. Provided, fur-
20 ther, that the Governor and Council, upon recommendation
21 of the state superintendent of schools, may revoke and annul
22 for sufficient cause any such certificate granted under this or
23 any preceding act.

Sect. 4. A list of persons so certificated shall be kept in the
2 office of the state superintendent of public schools and copies

3 of the same with such information as may be desired shall be
4 sent to school committees and superintendents upon their re-
5 quest.

Sect. 5. No person shall be employed to teach in any school
2 under the supervision and control of any local school board
3 of any city, town or plantation of this state, after January
4 one, nineteen hundred and thirteen, who does not hold a state
5 certificate as herein provided. Provided, however, that any
6 person not holding a state certificate may be granted not
7 more than one temporary non-renewable teaching permit for
8 a period not to exceed one year, such permit to be issued up-
9 on examination by the superintendent of schools of the town
10 in which such person is to be employed and the form of such
11 permit shall be prepared by the state superintendent of public
12 schools and shall be furnished by him upon application of the
13 superintendent of schools of any town. Provided further,
14 that 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 ob-
2 taining a state teachers' certificate or a temporary teaching
3 permit as herein provided, forfeits not exceeding the sum
4 contracted for his daily wages, for each day he so teaches
5 and is barred from receiving pay therefor.

Sect. 7. For the necessary expenses of carrying out the
2 provisions of this act there may be annually expended the
3 sum of one thousand dollars, which sum the treasurer of

4 state shall deduct for said purpose from any school money
5 raised for the support of common schools.

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