

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 294

House of Representatives, Feb. 21, 1913.

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ordered printed under joint rules.*

W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to increase the efficiency of the public schools of
Maine by retiring teachers of long service with pensions.

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

Section 1. Any person of either sex who, on September
2 thirty, nineteen hundred thirteen, or thereafter, shall have
3 reached the age of sixty years and who for thirty-five years
4 shall have been engaged in teaching as his principal occu-
5 pation and who shall have been employed as a teacher in
6 the public schools, or in such other schools within this state
7 as are supported wholly or at least three-fifths by state or
8 town appropriation and are under public management and
9 control, twenty years of which employment, including the

10 fifteen years immediately preceding retirement, shall have
11 been in this state, and who shall be retired by his employer
12 or shall voluntarily retire from active service after com-
13 pletion of the school year next preceding the thirtieth day
14 of September, nineteen hundred thirteen, shall, on his for-
15 mal application, receive from the state for the remainder
16 of his life an annual pension of two hundred and fifty dol-
17 lars; provided, however, that after the thirtieth day of
18 September, nineteen hundred thirteen, no such employment
19 as teacher within this state shall be included in its provisions
20 unless the teacher shall hold a state teachers' certificate
21 issued under the authority of the state superintendent of
22 public schools.

Sect. 2. Any person of either sex who, on September
2 thirtieth, nineteen hundred thirteen, or thereafter, shall have
3 reached the age of sixty years and who for thirty years
4 shall have been engaged in teaching as his principal occu-
5 pation and who shall have in all other respects met the re-
6 quirements of section one of this act shall, on his formal
7 application, receive from the state for the remainder of his
8 life an annual pension of two hundred dollars.

Sect. 3. Any person of either sex, who, on September
2 thirtieth, nineteen hundred thirteen, or thereafter, shall have
3 reached the age of sixty years and who for twenty-five years
4 shall have been engaged in teaching as his principal occu-
5 pation and who shall have in all other respects met the re-
6 quirements of section one of this act shall, on his formal

7 application, receive from the state for the remainder of his
8 life an annual pension of one hundred and fifty dollars.

Sect. 4. Any person who otherwise meets the require-
2 ments of the preceding sections of this act, but shall have
3 retired or shall have been retired prior to the school year
4 next preceding the thirtieth day of September, nineteen
5 hundred thirteen, shall be entitled to receive a pension under
6 the provisions of this act except that the amount of the pen-
7 sion allowed to such person shall be one-half any amount
8 designated under the foregoing sections.

Sect. 5. For the purposes of this act the sum of eight
2 thousand dollars is appropriated for the year nineteen hun-
3 dred thirteen and the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars
4 is annually appropriated thereafter, which sum the treasurer
5 of state shall deduct for said purposes out of the school and
6 mill fund and the sum so appropriated and deducted shall
7 be denominated the school pension fund.

Sect. 6. The state superintendent of public schools, on
2 or before the thirtieth day of September, nineteen hundred
3 thirteen, shall formulate rules and regulations for carrying
4 into effect the provisions of this act.

Sect. 7. On or before the thirty-first day of December,
2 nineteen hundred and thirteen, and quarterly thereafter, the
3 state superintendent of public schools shall certify to the
4 governor and council the names of the persons who are
5 entitled to pensions under the provisions of this act and the
6 amounts thereof, and the governor and council shall draw

7 warrants on the treasurer of state for payments from the
8 said school pension fund in favor of said persons for said
9 amounts. The payments of any pension shall be suspended
10 whenever the person to whom said pension has been granted
11 resumes teaching in any private or public school.

·Sect. 8. All pensions granted or payable under the pro-
2 visions of this act shall be and are hereby made exempt
3 from levy and sale by virtue of an execution and from all
4 process and proceeding to enjoin and recover the same by
5 or on behalf of any creditor or person having or asserting
6 any claim against, or debt or liability of, a teacher or pen-
7 sioner.

Sect. 9. All of the said school pension fund not distributed
2 or expended for any financial year, shall, on the first day of
3 July next following, be added to the permanent school fund.