

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 328

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W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

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
2 of public schools to cause to be held at least once each year
3 at such times and at such places as he may designate public
4 examination of candidates for the position of teacher in the
5 public schools.

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 persons or agents

4 and in such manner as the state superintendent may deter-
5 mine. Due public notices of the times, places and other
6 conditions of the examination shall be given.

Sect. 3. Certificates of qualification signed by the state
2 superintendent of public schools shall be granted to all can-
3 didates who pass satisfactory examinations in such branches
4 as are required or permitted by law to be taught in the
5 public schools and who in other respects fulfill the proper
6 requirements, provided, however, that no person unless he
7 is seventeen years of age and has completed a standard high
8 school or academy course shall be eligible for a certificate.
9 Such certificate shall be either probationary or permanent
10 and shall indicate the grade of schools which the person
11 named therein is qualified to teach. Provided, however,
12 that the certificate may be granted without the examination
13 herein prescribed to graduates of colleges and Maine state
14 normal schools, or of other normal training schools having
15 a two years' course for graduates of high schools or acad-
16 emies, and to teachers of two years' service and satisfactory
17 fitness, on the presentation of such evidence of fitness and
18 under such special conditions as the state superintendent of
19 public schools may prescribe. Provided, further, that cer-
20 tificates may, under the rules prescribed by the state super-
21 intendent, be granted to persons holding state certificates
22 granted by authority of other states. Provided, further,
23 that any certificate granted under this or any preceding act
24 may for sufficient cause be revoked and annulled.

Sect. 4. A list of persons so certificated shall be kept in
2 the 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 September one, nineteen hundred and fourteen, who does
5 not hold a state certificate as herein provided. Provided,
6 however, that any person not holding a state certificate may
7 be granted not more than one temporary non-renewable
8 teaching permit for a period not to exceed one year, such
9 permit to be issued upon examination by the superintendent
10 of schools of the town in which such person is employed
11 and the form of such permit shall be prepared by the state
12 superintendent of public schools and shall be furnished by
13 him upon application of the superintendent of schools of
14 any town. No person shall be eligible to a teaching permit
15 unless he shall meet the requirements of section 3 in rela-
16 tion to age and educational preparation. Provided, further,
17 that all state certificates heretofore granted shall continue
18 in 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 teach-
3 ing permit as herein provided, forfeits not exceeding the
4 sum contracted for his daily wages, for each day he so

5 teaches 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 and hereby repealed.