

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 442

House of Representatives, March 7, 1913.

*Reported by Mr. Ricker from Committee on Education, and
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 amend Chapter forty of the Revised Statutes, as amended by Chapter forty-six of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred seven, Chapters seventy and two hundred fifty-seven of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred nine, and Chapters fifty-five, one hundred eighteen and one hundred forty-three of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred eleven, relating to the issuing of age and schooling certificates.

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

Section 1. Section fifty-four of chapter forty of the Revised Statutes, as amended by chapter forty-six of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred seven, chapters seventy and two hundred fifty-seven of the Public Laws of nineteen hun-

5 dred nine, and chapters fifty-five, one hundred eighteen and
6 one hundred forty-three of the Public Laws of nineteen hun-
7 dred eleven, is hereby amended by striking out the word
8 “shall” in the first line and inserting in its place the word
9 ‘may,’ so that as amended said section shall read as follows:

‘Sect. 54. Age and schooling certificates may be issued by
11 the superintendent of schools of the city or town in which
12 the child resides, or some person designated and authorized
13 in writing by the school committee, and such age and school-
14 ing certificate when duly issued shall excuse such child from
15 attendance at public school; but no person shall issue such
16 certificate to any minor then in or about to enter his em-
17 ployment or the employment of a firm or corporation of
18 which he is member, stockholder, officer or employee. The
19 person who issues the certificate in accordance with the pro-
20 visions of this section is hereby empowered to administer
21 the oath provided for therein, but no fee shall be charged
22 therefor.’

Sect. 2. Section fifty-five of the same chapter is hereby
2 amended by striking out all after the word “school” in the
3 eighteenth line thereof, and inserting in its place the fol-
4 lowing: “The superintendent of schools, or the person au-
5 thorized to issue such age and schooling certificates, may
6 require, in doubtful cases, a certificate from the school phy-
7 sician, or, in case there is no school physician, from the
8 medical officer of the board of health certifying that the
9 child is physically able to perform the work which it in-

10 tends to do; said certificate must be signed by the child in
11 the presence of the examining physician. The state factory
12 inspector, his deputy or agent, may require a similar cer-
13 tificate, in doubtful cases, of minors employed under an age
14 and schooling certificate,' so that as amended said section
15 shall read as follows:

'Sect. 55. An age and schooling certificate shall not be
17 issued until the child applying therefor, or some person in
18 his behalf, shall furnish satisfactory evidence of the age
19 of the child, which evidence shall be a certified copy of the
20 town clerk's record of the birth of said child, or a certified
21 copy of his baptismal record, showing the date of his birth,
22 or a passport showing the date of his birth, or other docu-
23 ment satisfactory to the superintendent of schools or the
24 person authorized to issue such age and schooling certifi-
25 cates; nor until such child has demonstrated his ability to
26 read at sight and write simple sentences in the English lan-
27 guage, and perform simple arithmetical problems involving
28 the fundamental processes of addition, subtraction, multipli-
29 cation and division, such educational test to be prepared and
30 furnished by the superintendent of schools or the school
31 committee of each city and town in the state; or has fur-
32 nished a certificate to that effect signed by any teacher in
33 any of the public schools of the city or town in which such
34 child resides, or by the principal of any approved private
35 school. The superintendent of schools, or the person au-
36 thorized to issue such age and schooling certificates, may

37 require, in doubtful cases, a certificate from the school phy-
38 sician, or, in case there is no school physician, from the
39 medical officer of the board of health certifying that the
40 child is physically able to perform the work which it intends
41 to do; said certificate must be signed by the child in the
42 presence of the examining physician. The state factory in-
43 spector, his deputy or agent, may require a similar certifi-
44 cate, in doubtful cases, of minors employed under an age
45 and schooling certificate.'