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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

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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 amend sections forty-one, forty-two, forty-three
and forty-four of the Revised Statutes as amended relating
to the employment of superintendents of towns composing
school unions.

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

Section 1. Section forty-one of chapter fifteen of the Re-
vised Statutes as amended by chapter one hundred twenty-
two of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred nine is hereby
further amended by adding after the word "town" in the
tenth line thereof the words 'including the minimum num-
ber of visits to be made each term to each school,' so that
said section when amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 41. The school committees of the towns comprising
9 a union shall form a joint committee, and for the purposes
10 of this section and the four following sections, said joint
11 committee shall be held to be the agents of each town com-
12 prising the union. Said joint committee shall meet annually
13 at a day and place agreed upon by the chairmen of the com-
14 mittees of the several towns comprising the union, and shall
15 organize by the choice of a chairman and a secretary. They
16 shall determine the relative amount of service to be per-
17 formed by the superintendent in each town, including the
18 minimum number of visits to be made each term to each
19 school, fix his salary, apportion the amounts thereof to be
20 paid by the several towns, which amounts shall be certified
21 to the treasurers of said towns respectively and to the state
22 superintendent of schools, together with the amount appor-
23 tioned to each town; provided that the amounts so certified
24 shall be in proportion to the amount of service performed
25 in the several towns. They shall choose by ballot a super-
26 intendent of schools for a term not exceeding five years,
27 but the period of such election shall not exceed that for
28 which the union of towns has been authorized.'

Sect. 2. Paragraph one of section forty-two of chapter
2 fifteen of the Revised Statutes as amended by chapter one
3 hundred ninety-one of the Public Laws of nineteen hundred
4 eleven is hereby further amended by striking out that part
5 of said paragraph preceding the word "a" in the twelfth
6 line thereof and substituting in place thereof the following:

7 'The chairman and secretary of said joint committee shall,
8 upon the election of a superintendent of schools as provided
9 by section forty-one of this chapter, certify under oath to
10 the state superintendent of schools upon the forms pre-
11 scribed by him all facts relative to said union and employ-
12 ment of a superintendent. Annually upon the first day of
13 April and whenever a new superintendent is chosen said
14 chairman and secretary shall make return of a similar cer-
15 tificate. Upon approval of said certificate the superintend-
16 ent so employed shall on presentation of proper vouchers
17 receive monthly out of the sum appropriated for superin-
18 tendence of towns comprising school unions and out of any
19 moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated,' so that
20 said paragraph when amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 42. I. The chairman and secretary of said joint
22 committee shall, upon the election of a superintendent of
23 schools as provided by section forty-one of this chapter,
24 certify under oath to the state superintendent of schools
25 upon the forms prescribed by him all facts relative to said
26 union and employment of a superintendent. Annually upon
27 the first day of April and whenever a new superintendent is
28 chosen said chairman and secretary shall make return of a
29 similar certificate. Upon approval of said certificate the
30 superintendent so employed shall on presentation of proper
31 vouchers receive monthly out of the sum appropriated for
32 superintendence of towns comprising school unions and out
33 of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated

34 a sum equal to twice the aggregate sum paid by the towns
35 comprising the union, provided that the amount so paid for
36 the benefit of a single union of towns shall not exceed eight
37 hundred dollars in one year, and provided further that the
38 annual appropriation for payments under this act shall be
39 deducted from state school funds.

Sect. 3. Section forty-three of chapter fifteen of the Re-
2 vised Statutes as amended by chapter one hundred one of
3 the Public Laws of nineteen hundred seven is hereby fur-
4 ther amended by denominating said section as paragraph
5 one and by adding to said section the following as para-
6 graph two:

'Sect. 43. II. The state superintendent of schools shall
8 annually hold a conference for the instruction of superin-
9 tendents serving under the provisions of sections forty to
10 forty-two inclusive of this chapter and he shall be author-
11 ized to expend not to exceed five hundred dollars out of the
12 appropriation for the superintendence of towns comprising
13 school unions to assist in defraying the mileage expenses
14 of those superintendents who live remote from the place of
15 such conference, but no superintendent shall be entitled to
16 any part of such expenses unless he shall regularly attend
17 all of its sessions.'

Sect. 4. Section forty-four of chapter fifteen of the Re-
2 vised Statutes as amended by chapters one hundred twenty
3 and one hundred twenty-two of the Public Laws of nineteen
4 hundred nine is hereby further amended by adding after the

5 word "union" in the sixth line thereof the words 'provided,
6 however, that they may, without violation of the provisions
7 of this section, perform such educational service outside of
8 the towns of their unions as may be performed with the
9 approval of the state superintendent of schools and with
10 the consent of the committees employing them,' so that said
11 section when amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 44. Persons employed to serve as superintendents
13 of schools under section forty-one and section forty-two
14 shall hold state certificates of superintendence grade which
15 shall be issued upon such examination as may be prescribed
16 by the state superintendent of public schools and they shall
17 devote their entire time to superintendence, in the towns
18 comprising the union, provided, however, that they may,
19 without violation of the provisions of this section, perform
20 such educational service outside of the towns of their unions
21 as may be performed with the approval of the state super-
22 intendent of schools and with the consent of the committes
23 employing them. The powers and duties of said superin-
24 tendents shall be the same as those prescribed for town
25 superintendents in this chapter.'