

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 582

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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 and forty-three of chapter
fifteen of the Revised Statutes as amended relating to the
continuance of unions of towns formed for the employment
of a superintendent of schools.

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

Section 1. Section forty of chapter fifteen of the Revised
2 Statutes as amended by chapter fifty-five of the Public
3 Laws of nineteen hundred seven, as amended by chapter
4 one hundred twenty-two of the Public Laws of nineteen
5 hundred nine, as amended by chapter ninety-two of the
6 Public Laws of nineteen hundred eleven, is hereby further
7 amended by adding at the end of said section the follow-

8 ing: 'A union of towns formed under the provisions of this
9 section shall upon its first organization continue for a period
10 of at least three years unless sooner dissolved by a two-
11 thirds vote of the joint committee, but after the expiration
12 of said three-year period any of the towns forming said
13 union may at its annual meeting withdraw from said union
14 and the remaining members may continue a union in ac-
15 cordance with the conditions herein prescribed as to the
16 number of schools and upon the approval of a new certifi-
17 cate of union by the state superintendent of public schools.
18 The joint committee of any union of towns may admit to
19 said union any town or towns which have voted to join the
20 said union; but such admission shall be subject to the con-
21 ditions herein prescribed as of the number of schools and
22 upon the approval of a new certificate of union by the state
23 superintendent of public schools,' so that said section, when
24 amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 40. The school committees of two or more towns,
26 having under their care and custody an aggregate of not
27 less than twenty, nor more than fifty schools, may unite
28 in the employment of a superintendent of schools, provided
29 they have been so authorized by a vote of their towns at
30 the regular town meetings or special town meetings called
31 for that purpose. Provided further that such union shall
32 not take effect until the state superintendent of public
33 schools shall have approved the certificate of union as here-
34 inafter provided. But the committee of any town dissatis-

35 fied with the decision of the state superintendent may ap-
36 peal to the governor and council who shall make the final
37 decision relative thereto. Provided further in any case
38 where it shall appear to the state superintendent of public
39 schools, upon the representation of the school committees
40 of certain towns that, owing to geographical situation or
41 other reasons it is to the advantage of the state and of the
42 said towns that a union shall include fewer than twenty or
43 more than fifty schools said state superintendent of public
44 schools shall have authority to approve the certificate of
45 such a union, and a union so formed shall, except for the
46 number of schools, be governed by the conditions herein
47 prescribed for unions of towns. A union of towns formed
48 under the provisions of this section shall upon its first or-
49 ganization continue for a period of at least three years
50 unless sooner dissolved by a two-thirds vote of the joint
51 committee, but after the expiration of said three-year period
52 any of the towns forming said union may at its annual
53 meeting withdraw from said union and the remaining mem-
54 bers may continue a union in accordance with the condi-
55 tions herein prescribed as to the number of schools and
56 upon the approval of a new certificate of union by the state
57 superintendent of public schools. The joint committee of
58 any union of towns may admit to said union any town or
59 towns which have voted to join the said union; but such
60 admission shall be subject to the conditions herein pre-
61 scribed as to the number of schools and upon the approval

62 of the certificate of union by the state superintendent of
63 public schools.'

Sect. 2. 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 striking out all of said section after the
5 word "town" in the seventh line thereof, so that said sec-
6 tion, when amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 43. The towns uniting for the purpose of employ-
8 ing a superintendent of schools shall appropriate for his
9 salary their proportion of the sum paid said superintend-
10 ent; and the amount to be paid by each town shall be de-
11 termined by dividing the entire sum expended for superin-
12 tendence among the towns comprising the union in the pro-
13 portion of the service performed in each town.'