

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

NO. 42

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*W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to provide for the state certification of all teachers of  
public schools.

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*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  
3 candidates 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 has attained his eighteenth birthday and completed a sec-  
8 ondary school course shall be eligible for a certificate. Such  
9 certificate shall be either probationary or permanent and  
10 shall indicate the grade of schools which the person named  
11 therein is qualified to teach. Provided, however, that the  
12 certificate may be granted without the examination herein  
13 prescribed to graduates of colleges and Maine state normal  
14 schools, or of other normal training schools having a two  
15 years' course for graduates of high schools or academies,  
16 and to teachers of two years' service and satisfactory fit-  
17 ness, 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 Sec. 3 in relation  
16 to age and educational preparation. Provided, further, that  
17 all state certificates heretofore granted shall continue in  
18 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 are hereby repealed.