

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

NO. 177

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*In Senate, Feb. 4, 1913.*

*Came from the House referred to the Committee on Judiciary and on motion by Senator Murphy of Cumberland laid on the table for printing pending reference in concurrence.*

*W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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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 comprising school unions.

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

Section 1. Section forty-one of chapter fifteen of the Revised 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 number of visits to be made each term to each school,' so that

7 said section when amended shall read as follows:

8 'Sect. 41. The school committees of the towns compris-  
9 ing a union shall form a joint committee, and for the pur-  
10 poses of this section and the four following sections, said  
11 joint committee shall be held to be the agents of each town  
12 comprising the union. Said joint committee shall meet an-  
13 nually at a day and place agreed upon by the chairmen of  
14 the committees of the several towns comprising the union,  
15 and shall organize by the choice of a chairman and a secre-  
16 tary. They shall determine the relative amount of service  
17 to be performed by the superintendent in each town, includ-  
18 ing the minimum number of visits to be made each term to  
19 each school, fix his salary, apportion the amounts thereof to  
20 be paid by the several towns, which amounts shall be cer-  
21 tified to the treasurers of said towns respectively and to the  
22 state superinetndent of schools, together with the amount  
23 apportioned to each town; provided that the amounts so  
24 certified shall be in proportion to the amount of service per-  
25 formed in the several towns. They shall choose by ballot  
26 a superintendent of schools for a term not exceeding five  
27 years, but the period of such election shall not exceed that  
28 for 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  
28 is chosen said chairman and secretary shall make return of  
29 a 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

33 out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropri-  
34 ated a sum equal to twice the aggregate sum paid by the  
35 towns comprising the union, provided that the amount so  
36 paid for the benefit of a single union of towns shall not  
37 exceed eight hundred dollars in one year, and provided fur-  
38 ther that the annual appropriation for payments under this  
39 act shall be 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 paragraph  
6 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 nine-

4 teen hundred nine is hereby further amended by adding af-  
5 ter the word "union" in the sixth line thereof the words  
6 'provided, however, that they may, without violation of the  
7 provisions of this section, perform such educational ser-  
8 vice outside of the towns of their unions as may be per-  
9 formed with the approval of the state superintendent of  
10 schools and with the consent of the committees employing  
11 them', so that said section when amended shall read as fol-  
12 lows :

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