

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 131

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CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Pattee of Harmony.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND  
NINE HUNDRED AND NINETEEN

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AN ACT to Amend Paragraph One of Section Fifty-seven of Chapter Sixteen of the Revised Statutes as Amended by Chapter One Hundred Eighty-eight of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred Seventeen, Relative to the Payment of State Aid to Superintendents of Unions of Towns.

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

Paragraph one of section fifty-seven of chapter sixteen  
2 of the revised statutes as amended by chapter one hundred  
3 eighty-eight of the public laws of nineteen hundred seven-  
4 teen, is hereby further amended by adding to paragraph  
5 one of said section the following words: 'The state super-  
6 intendent of public schools annually shall cause an inves-

7 tigation to be made of the conditions of supervision in  
8 unions of towns, including the relative financial support for  
9 supervision by towns, the relative distances required to be  
10 traveled and the relative amounts of expenses to be paid  
11 by superintendents of schools directly in connection with  
12 the supervision and administration of schools in unions of  
13 towns. When it appears to the state superintendent of  
14 public schools that the efficiency of supervision in any  
15 union is or may be lessened because of the financial burden  
16 to towns, expenses for travel and other purposes required  
17 to be paid by the superintendent of such union because of  
18 the number and location of schools, geographical or other  
19 conditions, said state superintendent of schools, annually  
20 in August, shall issue to the governor and council a recom-  
21 mendation relative thereto and the governor and council,  
22 on the approval of said recommendation, may draw a war-  
23 rant for payment out of the sum appropriated for super-  
24 intence of towns composing school unions in favor of  
25 the superintendent or superintendents of schools employed  
26 in said union within the school year ending June thirtieth  
27 immediately preceding, provided, however, that the amount  
28 so paid for the benefit of a single union shall not exceed  
29 three hundred and fifty dollars annually and shall be in  
30 addition to other payments made to said superintendent as  
31 provided in this section and provided further that the  
32 amount so available for the equalization of such expenses  
33 shall not exceed one-fifth of the appropriation for super-

34 intendence of towns composing school unions,' so that said  
35 paragraph of said section when amended shall read as  
36 follows:

'Sect. 57. I. The chairman and secretary of said joint  
2 committee, shall, upon the election of a superintendent of  
3 schools as provided by the preceding section, certify under  
4 oath to the state superintendent of public schools, upon the  
5 forms prescribed by him, all facts relative to said union  
6 and employment of a superintendent. On or before the  
7 first day of August, nineteen hundred eighteen, and annu-  
8 ally thereafter, and whenever a new superintendent is  
9 chosen said chairman and secretary shall make return of  
10 a similar certificate. Upon approval of said certificate the  
11 superintendent so employed shall, on presentation of proper  
12 vouchers, receive monthly out of the sum appropriated for  
13 superintendence of towns composing school unions a sum  
14 equal to twice the aggregate sum paid by the towns com-  
15 posing the union, provided, that the amount so paid for the  
16 benefit of a single union of towns shall not exceed eight  
17 hundred dollars in one year, and provided further, that the  
18 annual appropriation for payments hereunder shall be de-  
19 ducted from state school funds. The state superintendent  
20 of public schools annually shall cause an investigation to  
21 be made of the conditions of supervision in unions of towns,  
22 including the relative financial support for supervision by  
23 towns, the relative distances required to be traveled and  
24 the relative amounts of expenses to be paid by superin-

25 tendents of schools directly in connection with the super-  
26 vision and administration of schools in unions of towns.  
27 When it appears to the state superintendent of public schools  
28 that the efficiency of supervision in any union is or may  
29 be lessened because of the financial burden to towns, ex-  
30 penses for travel and other purposes required to be paid  
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39 the superintendent or superintendents of schools employed  
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42 so paid for the benefit of a single union shall not exceed  
43 three hundred and fifty dollars annually and shall be in  
44 addition to other payments made to said superintendent  
45 as provided in this section and provided further that the  
46 amount so available for the equalization of such expenses  
47 shall not exceed one-fifth of the appropriation for super-  
48 intendence of towns composing school unions.'