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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE NO. 287

House of Representatives, February 28, 1919.

Reported by Mr. Pattee from Committee on Education and ordered printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Varney of Jonesboro.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Amend Sections One Hundred Twenty-eight and One Hundred Thirty of Chapter Sixteen of the Revised Statutes Relating to the Certification of Teachers.

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

Section I. Section one hundred twenty-eight of chapter
2 sixteen of the revised statutes is hereby amended by in3 serting after the word "teach" in the thirteenth line thereof
4 the words 'Provided, however, that no certificate of sec5 ondary grade shall be granted to any person who has not
6 completed the equivalent of two years of a college or nor7 mal school course' so that said section when amended shall
8 read as follows:

'Sect. 128. Certificates of qualification signed by the state 2 superintendent of public schools shall be granted to all 3 candidates who pass satisfactory examinations in such 4 branches as are required or permitted by law to be taught 5 in the public schools and who in other respects fulfil the 6 proper requirements; provided, however, that no person 7 shall be eligible for a certificate unless he is at least seven-8 teen years of age and has completed not less than a stand-9 ard secondary school course, or unless he shall present 10 satisfactory evidence of such education attainment other-II wise secured as may be adjudged by the state superintend-12 ent of public schools to be the equivalent of said standard 13 secondary school course. Such certificate shall be either 14 probationary or permanent, and shall indicate the grade 15 of schools which the person named therein is qualified to 16 teach, provided, however, that no certificate of secondary 17 grade shall be granted to any person who has not com-18 pleted the equivalent of two years of a college or normal 19 school course. No certificate shall be granted to any per-20 son to teach in the public schools of the state, who has 21 not passed a satisfactory examination in physiology and 22 hygiene, with special reference to the effects of alcoholic 23 drinks, stimulants and narcotics upon the human system. 24 Provided, however, that the certificate may be granted 25 without the examination herein prescribed to graduates of 26 colleges and Maine state normal schools, or of other nor-27 mal training schools having a two years' course for grad28 uates of high schools or academies, and to teachers of two 29 years' service and satisfactory fitness, on the presentation 30 of such evidence of fitness and under such special condi-31 tions as the state superintendent of public schools may 32 prescribe. Provided, further, that certificates may, under 33 the rules prescribed by the state superintendent, be granted 34 to persons holding state certificates granted by authority 35 of other states. Provided, further, that any certificate 36 granted under this or any preceding law may for sufficient 37 cause be revoked and annulled.'

Sect. 2. Section one hundred thirty of chapter sixteen of 2 the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting after 3 the word "permit" in the eighth line thereof the words 4 'indicating the grade of school for which it is to be issued' 5 and by adding to said section the words 'The state super-6 intendent of schools is hereby authorized to formulate all 7 rules and regulations necessary for the carrying out of 8 the provisions of this section and of the four preceding 9 sections' so that said section when amended shall read as 10 follows:

'Sect. 130. No persons shall be employed to teach in 2 any school under the supervision and control of any school 3 board of any city, town or plantation of this state, who 4 does not hold a state certificate as herein provided. Pro5 vided, however, that any person not holding a state cer6 tificate may be granted not more than one temporary non7 renewable teaching permit for a period not to exceed one

8 year, such permit to be issued upon examination by the 9 superintendent of schools of the town in which such per-10 son is employed and the form of such permit, indicating II the grade of school for which it is to be issued, shall be 12 prepared by the state superintendent of public schools and 13 shall be furnished by him upon application of the super-14 intendent of schools of any town. No person shall be 15 eligible to a teaching permit unless he shall meet the re-16 quirements of section one hundred and twenty-eight in 17 relation to age and educational preparation. Provided, 18 further, that all state certificates heretofore granted shall 19 continue in force in accordance with the terms stated there-20 in. The state superintendent of schools is hereby author-21 ized to formulate all rules and regulations necessary for 22 the carrying out of the provisions of this section and of 23 the four preceding sections.