

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 211

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CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-ONE**

AN ACT to Amend Section Fifty-six and Paragraph Two of
Section Fifty-seven of Chapter Sixteen of the Revised Stat-
utes as Amended Relating to the Election and Term of Office
of Superintendents of Schools.

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

Section 1. Section fifty-six of chapter sixteen of the re-
vised statutes as amended by chapter one hundred and
eighty-eight of the public laws of nineteen hundred and
seventeen is hereby further amended by striking out the
words "less than one year nor" in the twenty-ninth line
thereof and by inserting after the word "years" in the thir-
tieth line thereof the words "and the term for which a super-
intendent is elected shall, in all cases, end on the thirtieth

9 day of June of the year in which the contract expires,' so
10 that said section when amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 56. The superintending school committee of the
2 towns composing a union shall form a joint committee,
3 and for the purposes of this section and the four following
4 sections, said joint committee shall be held to be the agents
5 of each town composing the union, provided, however, that
6 the superintending school committee of any town may au-
7 thorize one of its members to act for the committee in the
8 meetings of the joint committee, and in such case, the mem-
9 ber so authorized, may cast the votes for the full member-
10 ship of his committee. Said joint committee upon notifica-
11 tion by the state superintendent of public schools shall meet
12 before the first day of July, nineteen hundred eighteen, and
13 in June annually thereafter, at a day and place agreed upon
14 by the chairman of the committees of the several towns
15 composing the union, and shall organize by the choice of
16 a chairman and a secretary. Said joint committee shall
17 determine the relative amount of service to be performed
18 by the superintendent in each town, including the minimum
19 number of visits to be made each term to each school, fix
20 his salary, apportion the amounts thereof to be paid by the
21 several towns, which amounts shall be certified to the treas-
22 urers of said towns, respectively, and to the state superin-
23 tendent of public schools, together with the amounts ap-
24 portioned to each town, provided, that the amount so cer-
25 tified shall be in proportion to the amount of service per-
26 formed in the several towns. Said joint committee, at the

27 time of its organization, or as soon thereafter as possible,
28 and whenever a vacancy shall occur, shall choose by ballot
29 a superintendent of schools for a term of not more than
30 five years and the term for which a superintendent is elected
31 shall, in all cases, end on the thirtieth day of June of the
32 year in which the contract expires, provided, however, that
33 said committee, by a two-thirds vote of its full membership,
34 after due notice and investigation, may, for cause, discharge
35 a superintendent of schools before the expiration of the
36 term for which he was elected, and after such discharge
37 the salary of said superintendent shall cease.'

Sect. 2. Paragraph two of section fifty-seven of chapter
2 sixteen of the revised statutes as amended by chapter one
3 hundred and eighty-eight of the public laws of nineteen
4 hundred and seventeen is hereby further amended by strik-
5 ing out the word "and" following the word "term" in the
6 sixth line thereof and inserting in place thereof a comma
7 and the words 'his salary shall be fixed and he,' so that said
8 paragraph when amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 57. II. The superintending school committee of
2 a city or town having under its care and custody an aggre-
3 gate of more than fifty schools may employ a superintendent
4 of schools without uniting with other cities or towns for
5 the purpose. Said superintendent of schools shall be chosen
6 in the same manner and for the same term, his salary shall
7 be fixed and he may be discharged under the same condi-
8 tions as superintendents employed under the provisions of
9 section fifty-six. Annually in the month of December, the

10 chairman and secretary of said committee shall certify to
11 the state superintendent of public schools, upon forms pre-
12 scribed by him, all facts relative to the employment of a
13 superintendent, including the amount of his salary received,
14 then upon the approval of said certificate by the state super-
15 intendent of public schools and presentation to the governor
16 and council a warrant shall be drawn upon the treasurer
17 of state for the payment to the treasurer of that town or
18 city, of a sum equal to two-thirds the amount expended by
19 said town or city for said superintendence, provided that
20 the amount so paid for the benefit of a single town or city
21 shall not be at a rate exceeding eight hundred dollars for
22 one year.'