

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 264

House of Representatives, March 6, 1923.

Referred to Committee on Education and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Pinkham of Fort Kent

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Amend Section Fifty-six of Chapter One Hundred Eighty-eight of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred Seventeen Relating to the Time of Electing Superintendents of Schools in Towns Comprising School Unions.

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

Section 1. Section fifty-six of chapter one hundred
2 eighty-eight of the public laws of nineteen hundred seven-
3 teen is hereby amended by striking out in line ten the words
4 "in June" and inserting therefor the words 'between April
5 first and June thirtieth,' so that the section amended shall
6 read as follows:

Section 2. The superintending school committee of the
2 towns composing a union shall form a joint committee, and
3 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,
6 that the superintending school committee of any town may
7 authorize one of its members to act for the committee in the
8 meetings of the joint committee, and in such case, the
9 member so authorized, may cast the votes for the full mem-
10 bership of his committee. Said joint committee upon notifi-
11 cation by the state superintendent of public schools shall
12 meet before the first day of July, nineteen hundred
13 eighteen, and between April first and June thirtieth annually
14 thereafter, at a day and place agreed upon by the chairman
15 of the committees of the several towns composing the union,
16 and shall organize by the choice of a chairman and a
17 secretary. Said joint committee shall determine the relative
18 amount of service to be performed by the superintendent in
19 each town, including the minimum number of visits to be
20 made each term to each school, fix his salary, apportion the
21 amounts thereof to be paid by the several towns, which
22 amounts shall be certified to the treasurers of said towns,
23 respectively, and to the state superintendent of public
24 schools, together with the amounts apportioned to each
25 town, provided, that the amount so certified shall be in pro-
26 portion to the amount of service performed in the several
27 towns. Said joint committee, at the time of its organiza-

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