

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

H. P. No. 1082

H. D. No. 326

House of Representatives, March 10, 1925.

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

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Friend of Etna.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relating to Superintendence of Schools through the
Union of Towns.

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

Section fifty-five of chapter sixteen of the revised statutes,
2 as amended by section two of chapter one hundred eighty-
3 eight of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen,
4 is hereby further amended by striking out all of said section,
5 and enacting, in place thereof, the following, so that said
6 section, when amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 55. The superintending school committees of two
2 or more towns, having under their care and custody an
3 aggregate of not less than twenty, nor more than fifty

4 schools, may unite in the employment of a superintendent
5 of schools, provided they have been so authorized by a vote
6 of their towns at the regular town meetings, or special town
7 meetings called for that purpose. Provided further that
8 such union shall not take effect until the state superinten-
9 dent of public schools shall have approved the certificate of
10 union as hereinafter provided; the committee of any town
11 dissatisfied with the decision of the state superintendent
12 may appeal to the governor and council who shall make
13 the final decision relative thereto. Provided further that,
14 whenever it appears to the state superintendent of public
15 schools, upon the representation of the school committees
16 of certain towns that, owing to geographical situation or
17 other reasons it is to the advantage of the state and of the
18 said towns that a union shall include fewer than twenty
19 or more than fifty schools, said state superintendent of pub-
20 lic schools may approve the certificate of such union, and
21 a union so formed shall, except for the number of schools,
22 be governed by the conditions herein prescribed for unions
23 of towns. A union of towns formed under the provisions
24 of this section shall upon its first organization continue for
25 a period of at least three years unless sooner dissolved by
26 a two-thirds vote of the joint committee, but after the ex-
27 piration of said three-year period any of the towns form-
28 ing said union may at its annual meeting withdraw from
29 said union and the remaining members may continue a

30 union in accordance with the conditions herein prescribed as
31 to the number of schools and upon the approval of a new
32 certificate of union by the state superintendent of public
33 schools. The joint committee of any union of towns may
34 admit to said union any town or towns which have voted
35 to join the said union; but such admission shall be subject
36 to the conditions herein prescribed as to the number of
37 schools and upon the approval of a new certificate of union
38 by the state superintendent of public schools.'