

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

House Document

No. 354

H. P. 1055 House of Representatives, Mar. 9, 1927.

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

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Thurston of Appleton.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN AC Relating to the Qualification of Superintendents
of Schools.

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

Section thirty-seven of chapter sixteen of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out in the sixth, seventh and eighth and ninth lines thereof the words "after the first day of July, nineteen hundred sixteen, no person shall be eligible to the office of superintendent of schools under the provisions of this section unless he shall hold a teacher's state certificate, or a state certificate of superintendence 8 grade," and by inserting in place thereof the following: "No person shall be eligible to the office of superintendent of schools under the provisions of this section unless he be a

11 citizen of the United States, nor unless he shall have had
12 an experience in teaching school of at least five years, nor,
13 in case of a superintendent of schools in cities, unless he be
14 a graduate of a college authorized by law to confer the
15 degree of bachelor of arts, nor, in case of a superintendent
16 of schools in towns, unless he shall have attended such col-
17 lege for a term of at least two years or shall be a graduate
18 of a normal school,' so that said section, as amended, shall
19 read as follows:

'Sect. 37. The management of the schools and the cus-
2 tody and care, including repairs and insurance on school
3 buildings, of all school property in every town, shall devolve
4 upon the superintending school committee which shall an-
5 nually, and as often as a vacancy shall occur, elect a super-
6 intendent of schools who shall not be a member of the com-
7 mittee, and, no person shall be eligible to the office of
8 superintendent of schools under the provisions of this sec-
9 tion unless he be a citizen of the United States, nor unless
10 he shall have had an experience in teaching school of at
11 least five years, nor, in case of a superintendent of schools
12 in cities, unless he be a graduate of a college authorized by
13 law to confer the degree of bachelor of arts, nor, in case
14 of a superintendent of schools in towns, unless he shall
15 have attended such college for a term of at least two years
16 or shall be a graduate of a normal school. After due notice
17 and investigation the superintending school committee may
18 for cause discharge a superintendent of schools and after

19 protracted absence from duty on the part of said superin-
20 tendent may declare a vacancy in his office. This section,
21 so far as it relates to the manner of the election or employ-
22 ment of superintendents of schools shall not apply to cities,
23 nor to towns authorized by special laws to employ or choose
24 superintendents in manner otherwise than is herein provided.’