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CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Crockett of Hollis.

S T A T E O F M A I N E

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

AN ACT Relating to School Supervisory Unions.

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

Paragraph one of section fifty-seven of chapter one hundred eighty-eight of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen as amended by chapter eighteen, section three, of the public laws of nineteen hundred nineteen is hereby amended by striking out after the words "equal to" in line eleven the word "twice" and by striking out after the word "exceed" in line fourteen the word "eight" and inserting the word 'twelve,' and after the word "year" in line fourteen insert 'nor shall any school union receive less than one

10 thousand dollars per year,' so that paragraph one shall read
11 as follows:

'Sec. 57. I. The chairman and secretary of said joint
2 committee shall, upon the election of a superintendent of
3 schools as provided by the preceding section, certify under
4 oath to the state commissioner of education, upon the forms
5 prescribed by him, all facts relative to said union and em-
6 ployment of a superintendent. On or before the first day
7 of August, nineteen hundred eighteen, and annually there-
8 after, and whenever a new superintendent is chosen said
9 chairman and secretary shall make return of a similar cer-
10 tificate. Upon approval of said certificate the superintend-
11 ent so employed shall, on presentation of proper vouchers,
12 receive monthly out of the sum appropriated for superin-
13 tendence of towns composing school unions a sum equal to
14 the aggregate sum paid by the towns composing the union,
15 provided, that the amount so paid for the benefit of a single
16 union of towns shall not exceed twelve hundred dollars in
17 one year nor shall any school union receive less than one
18 thousand dollars per year, and provided further, that the
19 annual appropriation for payments hereunder shall be de-
20 ducted from state school funds. The state commissioner
21 of education annually shall cause an investigation to be made
22 of the conditions of supervision in unions of towns, includ-
23 ing the relative financial support for supervision by towns,
24 the relative distances required to be traveled and the rela-
25 tive amounts of expenses to be paid by superintendents of

26 schools directly in connection with the supervision and ad-
27 ministration of schools in unions of towns. When it ap-
28 pears to the state commissioner of education that the effi-
29 ciency of supervision in any union is or may be lessened
30 because of the financial burden to towns, expenses for travel
31 and other purposes required to be paid by the superintend-
32 ent of such union because of the number and location of
33 schools, geographical or other conditions, said state com-
34 missioner of education, annually in August, shall issue to
35 the governor and council a recommendation relative thereto
36 and the governor and council, on the approval of said
37 recommendation, may draw a warrant for payment out of
38 the sum appropriated for superintendence of towns com-
39 posing school unions in favor of the superintendent or super-
40 intendants of schools employed in said union within the
41 school year ending June thirtieth immediately preceding,
42 provided, however, that the amount so paid for the benefit
43 of a single union shall not exceed three hundred and fifty
44 dollars annually and shall be in addition to other payments
45 made to said superintendent as provided in this section and
46 provided further that the amount so available for the equal-
47 ization of such expenses shall not exceed one-fifth of the
48 appropriation for superintendence of towns composing
49 school unions.'

Paragraph two of section fifty-seven of chapter one hun-
2 dred eighty-eight of the public laws of nineteen hundred
3 seventeen is hereby amended by striking out after the words

4 “equal to” in lines thirteen and fourteen the words “two-
5 thirds” and by striking out after the word “exceeding” in
6 line sixteen the word “eight” and inserting the word ‘twelve’
7 so that paragraph two shall read as follows:

‘II. The superintending school committee of a city or
2 town having under its care and custody an aggregate of
3 more than fifty schools may employ a superintendent of
4 schools without uniting with other cities or towns for the
5 purpose. Said superintendent of schools shall be chosen in
6 the same manner and for the same term and may be dis-
7 charged under the same conditions as superintendents em-
8 ployed under the provisions of section fifty-six. Annually,
9 in the month of December the chairman and secretary of
10 said committee shall certify to the state commissioner of
11 education, upon forms prescribed by him, all facts relative
12 to the employment of a superintendent including the amount
13 of his salary received, then upon the approval of said cer-
14 tificate by the state commissioner of education and presen-
15 tation to the governor and council, a warrant shall be drawn
16 upon the treasurer of state for the payment to the treasurer
17 of that town or city, of a sum equal to the amount expended
18 by said town or city for said superintendence, provided that
19 the amount so paid for the benefit of a single town or city
20 shall not be at a rate exceeding twelve hundred dollars for
21 one year.’