

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Senate Document

No. 224

S. P. 547

In Senate, February 22, 1929.

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

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Crockett of York.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Amend Section Thirty-Eight of Chapter Sixteen
of the Revised Statutes Relating to Duties of Superin-
tending School Committees.

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

Section thirty-eight of chapter sixteen of the revised
2 statutes is hereby amended by adding at the close of said
3 section the following:

‘VIII. For the purpose of increasing the efficiency of
2 the public schools of the state, superintending school com-
3 mittees and boards of education shall have authority to
4 grant to any teacher, principal or other person regularly
5 employed by them a leave of absence for a period of not

6 to exceed one year and on not more than half pay, such
7 leave of absence to be granted only after seven years of
8 service and under such conditions and with such regula-
9 tions as may be determined by the governing board, and
10 for the purpose of permitting said teacher, principal or
11 other person to pursue a further course of study or to
12 travel, to the end that he or she may be better fitted by
13 education and culture for his or her position in the schools.

IX. They shall have authority to adjust the salary of
2 teachers, principals and other persons legally employed by
3 them who are compelled to be absent from their school
4 duties on account of illness. The provisions of this act
5 shall apply only in cases of persons who are employed on
6 yearly contracts or on tenure of service and who hold the
7 legal qualifications necessary for such position.'

So that said section shall read as follows:

'Sect. 38. Superintending school committees shall perform
2 the following duties:

I. Direct the general course of instruction and approve
2 a uniform system of textbooks; no textbook thus approved
3 shall be changed for three years unless by vote of the com-
4 mittee; and perform such other functions as may be speci-
5 fied by law.

II. They shall make provision for the instruction of all
2 pupils in schools, supported by public money or under state
3 control, in physiology and hygiene, with special reference

4 to the effects of alcoholic drinks, stimulants and narcotics
5 upon the human system.

III. After due notice and investigation, they shall dis-
2 miss any teacher, although having the requisite certificate,
3 who proves unfit to teach, or whose services they deem un-
4 profitable to the school; and give to said teacher a certifi-
5 cate of dismissal and of the reasons therefor, a copy of
6 which they shall retain, and such dismissal shall not deprive
7 the teacher of compensation for previous services.

IV. Expel any obstinately disobedient and disorderly
2 scholar, after a proper investigation of his behavior, if
3 found necessary for the peace and usefulness of the school;
4 and restore him on satisfactory evidence of his repentance
5 and amendment.

V. Exclude, if they deem it expedient, any person not
2 vaccinated, although otherwise entitled to admission, un-
3 less a parent or guardian of such person shall present a
4 signed statement that such parent or guardian is opposed
5 to vaccination in which event such person may only be ex-
6 cluded in the event of an epidemic of smallpox.

VI. Prescribe the sum, on payment of which persons of
2 the required age, resident on territory, the jurisdiction of
3 which has been ceded to the United States, included in or
4 surrounded by the town may attend school in the town.

VII. Determine what description of scholars shall attend
2 each school, classify them, and transfer them from school

3 to school where more than one school is kept at the same
4 time.

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