

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 283

S. P. 302

In Senate, Feb. 4, 1931.

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

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Jackson of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Prescribing the Oath or Affirmation to be Taken and
Subscribed to by Professors, Instructors and Teachers in the
Public Schools, Colleges and Universities of this State.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of
Maine, That every person who applies for a license, or any re-
newal thereof, to teach in any of the public schools of this
State, shall subscribe to the following oath or affirmation:
I solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitu-
tion of the United States of America, the Constitution of the
State of Maine, and the laws of the United States and the
State of Maine, and will, by precept and example, promote re-
spect for the flag and the institutions of the United States, and
of the State of Maine, reverence for law and order, and un-
divided allegiance to the government of the United States of
America. Such oath or affirmation shall be executed in dupli-
cate, and one copy thereof shall be filed with the State Superin-
tendent of public instruction at the time when the application
for a license is made, and the other copy shall be retained by
the person who subscribed to such oath or affirmation. No
license shall be issued unless such oath shall have been filed.

Sect. 2. Every professor, instructor or teacher who shall
be employed hereafter by any university or normal school in
this State, which is supported in whole or in part by public

funds, shall, before entering upon the discharge of his or her duties, subscribe to the oath or affirmation as prescribed in Section 1 of this Act, before some officer authorized by law to administer oath. Such oath or affirmation shall be executed in duplicate and one copy thereof shall be filed with the President of such university or normal school, and one copy shall be retained by the person who subscribed to such oath or affirmation.

Sect. 3. Any person who is a citizen or subject of any country other than the United States, and who is employed, in any capacity, as a professor, instructor or teacher in any university or normal school in this State which is supported in whole or in part by public funds, shall, before entering upon the discharge of his duties, subscribe to an oath to support the institutions and policies of the United States during the period of his sojourn within the State.

Sect. 4. The several township trustees and the members of the boards of school trustees and boards of school commissioners of the cities and towns of this State are hereby authorized to administer the oath required by this Act to persons who apply for licenses to teach in the public schools of this State.