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EIGHTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 562

H. P. 1030 House of Representatives, Feb. 13, 1931.
Referred to Committee on Education and 500 copies ordered
printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Tompkins of Houlton.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relating to School Committees.

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

Section 1. R. S., c. 19, § 34, relating to school committees, amended. Section thirty-four of chapter nineteen of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting in the second line of said section after the word "three" the following words: 'and any town of six thousand population or more may choose by ballot a superintending school committee of seven,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 34. Election of superintending school committee. Every town shall choose by ballot at its annual meeting a superintending school committee of three, and any town of six thousand population or more may choose by ballot a superintending school committee of seven, to hold office as provided in the following section, and shall fill vacancies arising therein at each subsequent annual meeting.'

Sec. 2. Selection of school committees. Section thirty-five of chapter nineteen of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting in the fourth line of said section after the word "years" the following words: 'and in the case of towns of six thousand population or more, two for one year, two for two years and three for three years;' and by striking out in the fifth line of said section the word "member" and inserting in

place thereof the words 'two or three members, as the case may be,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 35. Superintending school committees, when first chosen, to arrange terms of office; vacancies; no member to be employed to teach in his own town. School committees first chosen shall designate by lot a member or members to hold office for one, two, and three years respectively, in manner as follows: one for one year, one for two years, and one for three years; and in the case of towns of six thousand population or more, two for one year, two for two years and three for three years; and they shall certify such designation to the town clerk to be by him recorded; and thereafterwards one, two or three members, as the case may be, shall be chosen by ballot at the annual meeting of the town, to hold office for three years. Said committee may fill vacancies occurring between annual meetings, and the term of office of any member of the committee so chosen shall expire at the next annual meeting. No member of the superintending school committee of any town shall be employed as a teacher in any public school in said town. In case any member of the superintending school committee shall remove from the town or be absent for more than ninety days a vacancy shall be declared to exist and the remaining members shall within thirty days thereafter choose another member as hereinbefore provided. Whenever the remaining members fail to appoint a person to fill a vacancy the same may be filled by election at a town meeting called for the purpose.'