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NEW DRAFT

EIGHTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 771

H. P. 1186 House of Representatives, Feb. 26, 1931.

Reported by Mr. Allen from Committee on Education and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

New Draft of H. P. 6, L. D. 14.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT in Regard to Qualifications of Teachers.

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

Section one hundred fifty-five of chapter nineteen of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the whole of said section and substituting in place thereof the following section:

‘Sec. 155. Certificates of qualification signed by the state commissioner of education shall be granted to all candidates who pass satisfactory examinations in such branches as are required or permitted by law to be taught in the public schools and who in other respects fulfil the proper requirements; provided, however, that no person shall be eligible for a certificate unless he is at least seventeen years of age and has completed not less than a standard secondary school course, or unless he shall present satisfactory evidence of such educational attainment otherwise secured as may be adjudged by the state commissioner of education to be the equivalent of said standard secondary school course. Such certificate shall be either probationary or permanent, and shall indicate the grade of schools which the person named therein is qualified to teach; provided, however, that no certificate of secondary grade shall be granted to any person who has not completed the equivalent of two

years of a college or normal school course. No certificate shall be granted to any person to teach in the public schools of the state, unless they furnish evidence of good moral character and meet such requirements as to preliminary education and training as may be prescribed by the state commissioner of education; nor shall a certificate be granted to any person to teach in the elementary schools who cannot present satisfactory evidence of such training in physiology and hygiene, with special reference to the effects of alcoholic drinks, stimulants, and narcotics upon the human system. Provided, however, that the certificate may be granted without the examination herein prescribed to graduates of colleges and Maine state normal schools, or of other normal training schools having a two years' course for graduates of high schools or academies, and to teachers of two years' service and satisfactory fitness, on the presentation of such evidence of fitness and under such special conditions as the state commissioner of education may prescribe. Provided, further, that certificates may, under the rules prescribed by the state commissioner of education, be granted to persons holding state certificates granted by authority of other states. Provided, further, that any certificate granted under this or any preceding law may for sufficient cause be revoked and annulled. Nothing in this section relative to revocation of teachers' certificates shall be retroactive. Any teacher whose certificate has been revoked shall be granted a hearing on request before a committee, one member to be selected by the department of education, the second by the teacher involved, and the third by the other two members. The hearings before this committee may be public at their discretion and their decision shall be final.'