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NEW DRAFT

EIGHTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 967

H. P. 1392 House of Representatives, March 24, 1931.

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

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

New Draft of H. P. 1146, L. D. 735.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relating to Superintendents of Schools.

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

Section 64 of Chapter 19 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the word "shall" in the twenty-second line the following: 'subject to the conditions hereinafter provided'; by striking out the word "two-thirds" in the fourth from the last line of said section and inserting in lieu thereof the word 'majority'; by adding to said section the following: 'The election of a superintendent of schools, as herein provided, shall not be effective unless said election shall be approved by the Superintending School Committee of the town in the said union having a majority of the schools in the towns comprising the union and by the Superintending School Committee of the town paying not less than one-half of the salary aforesaid, exclusive of any sums paid by the State for the purpose,'; so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 64. The superintending school committees of the towns composing a union shall form a joint committee, and for the purposes of this section and the seven following sections, said joint committee shall be held to be the agents of each town composing the union, provided, however, that the

superintending school committee of any town may authorize one of its members to act for the committee in the meetings of the joint committee, and in such case, the member so authorized, may cast the votes for the full membership of his committee. Said joint committee upon notification by the state commissioner of education shall meet before the first day of July, nineteen hundred eighteen, and between April first and June thirtieth annually thereafter, at a day and place agreed upon by the chairmen of the committees of the several towns composing the union, and shall organize by the choice of a chairman and a secretary. Said joint committee shall determine the relative amount of service to be performed by the superintendent in each town, including the minimum number of visits to be made each term to each school, fix his salary, apportion the amounts thereof to be paid by the several towns, which amounts shall be certified to the treasurers of said towns, respectively, and to the state commissioner of education, together with the amounts apportioned to each town, provided, that the amount so certified shall be in proportion to the amount of service performed in the several towns. Said joint committee, at the time of its organization, or as soon thereafter as possible, and whenever a vacancy shall occur, shall, subject to the conditions hereinafter provided, choose by ballot a superintendent of schools for a term of not more than five years and the term for which a superintendent is elected shall, in all cases, end on the thirtieth day of June of the year in which the contract expires, provided, however, that said committee, by a majority vote of its full membership, after due notice and investigation, may, for cause, discharge a superintendent of schools before the expiration of the term for which he was elected, and after such discharge the salary of said superintendent shall cease. The election of a superintendent of schools, as herein provided, shall not be effective unless said election shall be approved by the superintending school committee of the town in the said union having a majority of the schools in the towns comprising the union and by the superintending school committee of the town paying not less than one-half of the salary aforesaid exclusive of any sums paid by the State for the purpose.'