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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Superintendents of Schools.

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

R. S., c. 19, § 64, as amended by P. L., 1931, chapter 192, and P. L., 1933, chapter 183, relating to superintendents of schools, amended. Section 64 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes as amended is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 64. **First meeting to be held upon notification of commissioner; subsequent meetings; union superintendent removed for cause; salary; tenure, etc.** 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 commissioner of education shall meet before the first day of July, 1918, and between April 1 and June 30 annually thereafter, at a day and place agreed upon by the chairman 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 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 30th day of June of the year in which the contract expires. **In case the joint committee shall fail to legally elect a superintendent of schools by the 30th day of June in any year, the incumbent superintendent of schools or a competent and qualified agent may with the advice and consent of the commissioner of education, serve in said capacity until such time as his successor shall be legally elected.** 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 teachers 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.'