

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY - SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 379

H. P. 1169

House of Representatives, February 6, 1935.

Referred to Committee on Education, sent up for concurrence and 500 copies ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Hammond of Strong.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to the Qualification of Teachers.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 19, § 153, repealed. Section 153 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed.

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 19, § 154, repealed. Section 154 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 19, § 155, amended. Section 155 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter 38 of the public laws of 1931, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 155. Certificates issued by state commissioner of education; knowledge of physiology and hygiene requisite; state commissioner to prescribe regulations. Certificates of qualification signed by the state commissioner of education shall be granted to ~~all any candidates~~ **candidate** 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;~~ **has completed the prescribed course**

of study which entitled and awards to the candidate a diploma of graduation from a normal school or teacher's college, in the case of elementary school teachers, and from an approved institution, accompanied by a degree, in the case of secondary teachers, and who meet such further requirements as to preliminary education and training as may be required by the state commissioner of education; provided, however, that no person shall be eligible for a certificate unless he is at least ~~seventeen~~ 20 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 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 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 certificates may be granted without the examinations 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 teacher's 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 **diplomas of graduation** and 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— 1 member to be selected by the department of education, and 2nd by the teacher involved, and the 3rd by the other 2 members. The hearings before this committee may be public at their discretion and their decision shall be final.

Sec. 4. Repealing clause. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.