

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# EIGHTY - SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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## Legislative Document

No. 616

H. P. 1307

House of Representatives, Feb. 12, 1935.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Chase of East Limington.

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### STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
THIRTY-FIVE

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#### AN ACT Relating to School Unions.

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

**R. S., c. 19, § 62, amended.** Section 62 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 62. Towns may be combined into unions for supervision; exception; appeal.** It shall be the duty of the commissioner of education and the committee of 3 hereinafter named, on or before July, 1937, to regroup all the towns in the state, ~~except as herein provided~~, into unions for the purpose of employing superintendents of schools, **such regroups to be effective only as hereinafter stated.** Such supervisory unions as shall have been formed ~~on the effective date of this act~~ may be dissolved **at anytime** by the commissioner of education **and the committee of 3** for the purpose of a more advantageous ~~combination~~ **grouping**, **but no unions shall be formed that will add a greater cost to the towns.** ~~During the first 3 years of the operation of this act,~~ Regroupings shall be made only when vacancies occur, by death, resignation or failure of re-election. Whenever such regroupings are made, the commissioner of education shall have authority to re-allocate any town or towns in the unions affected to unions ~~already organized which are set up under the regrouping by the said committee of 3.~~ All existing contracts shall remain binding. ~~but no contract~~

~~shall be renewed or made terminating later than June 30, 1937.~~ A committee of 3 who shall act with the commissioner of education in the matter of regrouping shall be appointed by the governor and council. Said committee shall serve until July 1, 1937 **when a report of said plans for regrouping must be filed with the governor and council.** The necessary travel expense of said committee shall be paid by the state and there is hereby appropriated for this purpose a sum not exceeding \$300. Provided, however, that any superintending school committee of a town dissatisfied with the combination proposed by the commissioner of education and the committee to include that town may appeal to the governor and council who shall make the final decision relative thereto. The unions formed under the provisions of this act shall be effective **on July 1, 1937 of any year in which said regrouping is completed for the towns involved.** ~~When-~~  
~~ever, upon the representation of the superintending school committee of any town, it shall appear to the commissioner of education to be to the advantage of said town and of the state to change the combination of towns comprising the union of which said town is a part, the commissioner of education shall have authority to direct the dissolution and organization of unions so that a more advantageous combination may be effected. Provided, however, that any superintending school committee of a town dissatisfied with the change in the combination proposed by the commissioner of education to include that town may appeal to the governor and council, who shall make the final decision relative thereto.'~~