

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 133

House of Representatives, January 26, 1943.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Clough of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-THREE

AN ACT to Promote Proper Recording and Education Concerning Vital Statistics.

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

Sec. 1. Records presented to school teachers. On and after July 1, 1943, the parent or guardian of every pupil who enrolls for the first time in a public or private school of this state shall present to the teacher an official record of his birth or a record of baptism.

Town and city clerks and the state registrar of vital statistics shall supply such records, when available, for purposes of this act, free of charge.

Sec. 2. Duties of teachers; delinquency of parent. Teachers shall require each pupil within 5 days of entrance at school to present a copy of their record of birth or baptism as above provided. Teachers shall note on the school register the date of presentation of such certificate, and the date and place of birth.

In case any parent or guardian does not comply with section 1 of this act within the 5 days specified in this section, the teacher shall notify the superintendent of schools in writing of the facts pertaining to such delinquency, giving pupil's name and address of parents.

Sec. 3. Duties of superintendents on delinquency. A superintendent of

schools, having been notified of any failure on the part of parents or guardians to comply with this act, shall either take such measures as may be necessary to obtain compliance, or send written notice of such failure to the state registrar of vital statistics and the commissioner of education.

Such notice to the state registrar and the commissioner of education shall contain the names of children, and the names and addresses of parents or guardians so delinquent.

Sec. 4. Penalty. Whoever violates any provision of the 3 preceding sections shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$5.

Sec. 5. Duties of state registrar of vital statistics. It shall be the duty of the state registrar of vital statistics to enforce the provisions of the 4 preceding sections as far as comes within his power and when the bureau of health believes that any penalty or forfeiture has been incurred by reason of neglect to comply with the provisions of said sections, it shall give notice in writing to the county attorney of the county in which said penalty or forfeiture has occurred, and upon receipt of such notice the county attorney shall take such measures as may be necessary to secure compliance or prosecute the defaulting person or persons.