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House of Representatives, February 4, 1949.

Referred to Committee on Claims, sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Duquette of Biddeford.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-NINE

RESOLVE in Favor of the City of Biddeford.

City of Biddeford; reimbursed and compensated. Resolved: That there be, and hereby is, appropriated the sum of \$1,530 from the general fund of the state to be paid to the city of Biddeford in reimbursement and compensation for the state's statutory quota of the salary and expense paid by the city of Biddeford to its superintendent of schools for the 1944 school year.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

In 1933, the legislature passed a private and special act, placing the duty of supervision of the school system of the city under a board of education of 4 members, one of whom was elected each year for a term of 4 years, the mayor being chairman of the board, and required that the board of education employ a superintendent of schools, which it did until the effective date of chapter 124 of the Private and Special Laws of 1945, granting to the board of education the right to form a school union for the purpose of employment of a superintendent of schools of the towns in said school union. From 1933 to 1943, inclusive, the city paid the superintendent of schools his salary and expenses and was reimbursed by the state under existing statutes. In 1944, the city, in reliance upon the policy of the state, paid its superintendent his salary and expenses, but the state failed to reimburse the city, even though the then attorney-general had ruled that prior to 1945, the city had no right to join a school union. Since 1945, the towns of North Kennebunkport, Dayton, and City of Biddeford, have been members of the same union for the purpose of employment of a superintendent of schools.