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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Teachers' Contracts.

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

R. S., c. 37, § 78, sub-§ V, amended. Subsection V of section 78 of chapter 37 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'V. Shall nominate teachers; election to be approved by committee; probationary period; teachers may be elected under contract. He shall nominate all teachers subject to such regulations governing salaries and the qualifications of teachers as the superintending school committee shall make, and upon the approval of nominations by said committee, he may employ teachers so nominated and approved for such terms ~~not to exceed 5 years~~ as he may deem proper, subject to the approval of the school committee. **Except that after a probationary period of not to exceed 3 years, subsequent contracts of duly certified teachers shall be for not less than 2 nor more than 5 years, and furthermore, that unless a duly certified teacher receives written notice to the contrary before April 15th of the year preceding the terminal date of his or her contract, the contract shall be extended automatically for 1 year and similarly in subsequent years, although the right to an extension for a longer period of time through a new contract is specifically reserved to the contracting parties. The right to terminate a contract, after due notice of 90 days, is reserved**

to the superintending school committee when reorganization of schools or other changes in local conditions warrants the elimination of the teaching position for which the contract was made. Provided, in case the superintendent of schools and the superintending school committee fail to legally elect a teacher, the commissioner shall have authority to appoint a substitute teacher who shall serve until such election is made.'