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House of Representatives, February 4, 1953

Referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Travis of Westbrook.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to High School Athletic Officiating.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 37, § § 208, 209, 210, additional. Chapter 37 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding thereto 3 new sections to be numbered 208, 209 and 210, to read as follows:

'High School Athletic Officiating

Sec. 208. Commissioner of officiating; deputies. A commissioner of high school athletic officiating shall be appointed by the governor with the advise and consent of the council. He shall be appointed for 4 years and may be removed for cause. Any vacancy shall be appointed for a like term in the same manner. The salary of the commissioner shall be fixed by the governor and council.

The commissioner shall appoint 3 deputies, one each from within the geographical limits of the congressional districts. The deputies shall be under the direct supervision of the commissioner to aid him in carrying out his duties. The deputies shall receive no compensation but shall be reimbursed for their necessary expenses. The deputies shall be interested in high school sports.

Sec. 209. Duties. The primary duties of the commissioner and his deputies, to further the best interest of high school athletics, shall be:

- I. Aiding the officials, coaches and players in acquiring a thorough knowledge of the playing rules of the various sports.
- II. Promoting uniformity in the mechanics of officiating.
- III. Supplying sufficient competent officials to replace those who retire.
- IV. Encouraging observance of the spirit and letter of the playing rules and ethical codes on all occasions.
- V. Promulgating rules and regulations to carry out the purposes of sections 208 and 209.
- ~~VI. Paying over all fees to the treasurer of state.~~
- VII. Preparing a rating list each year of the officials.

VIII. Suspending any high school or official who violates any provision of sections 208 and 209 or rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

Sec. 210. Officials. Only officials who are registered with the commissioner may be used by high schools as officials. To be properly registered an official must meet the following requirements:

- I. File an application with the commissioner and agree to meet all requirements established by the commissioner.
- II. Pay a registration fee of \$5.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated from the general fund of the state the sum of \$10,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1954, and the sum of \$10,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955, to carry out the provisions of this act.

Referendum. The aldermen of cities, the selectmen of towns and the assessors of the several plantations of this state are hereby empowered and directed to notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet in the manner prescribed by law for calling and holding biennial meetings of said inhabitants for the election of senators and representatives, at the next general or special state-wide election, to give in their votes upon the acceptance or rejection of the foregoing act, and the question shall be:

“Shall ‘An Act Relating to High School Athletic Officiating’ be accepted?”

And the inhabitants of said cities, towns and plantations shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed within a square upon their ballots their opinion of the same, those in favor of said ratification voting "Yes" and those opposed to said ratification voting "No" and the ballots shall be received, sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings, and return made to the office of the secretary of state in the manner as votes for governor and members of the legislature, and the governor and council shall count the same and if it shall appear that a majority of the inhabitants voting on the question are in favor of the act, the governor shall forthwith make known the fact by his proclamation, and the act shall thereupon become effective as of the date of said proclamation.

Secretary of state shall prepare ballots. The secretary of state shall prepare and furnish to the several cities, towns and plantations ballots and blank returns in conformity with the foregoing act, accompanied by a copy thereof.