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House of Representatives, February 3, 1953

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Crabtree of Island Falls

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Salaries and Travel of Superintendents of Schools.

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

R. S., c. 37, § 71, amended. Section 71 of chapter 37 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Sec. 71. Annual return; appropriation; expenses. The chairman and secretary of the joint committee, provided for in the preceding section, shall, upon the election of a superintendent of schools as provided by the preceding section, certify under oath to the commissioner, upon the forms prescribed by him, all facts relative to said union and employment of a superintendent. Annually, and whenever a new superintendent is chosen, said chairman and secretary shall make return of a similar certificate. Upon approval of said certificate, the superintendent so employed shall, on presentation of proper vouchers, receive monthly out of the sum appropriated for superintendence of towns comprising school unions a sum equal to the aggregate sum paid by the towns comprising the union, provided that the amount so paid for the benefit of a single union of towns shall not exceed ~~\$1,350~~ **\$1,600** in one year nor shall any school union receive less than \$1,150 per year. The commissioner annually shall cause an investigation to be made of the conditions of supervision in unions of towns, including the relative financial support for supervision by towns, the relative

distances required to be traveled, and the relative amounts of expenses to be paid by superintendents of schools directly in connection with the supervision and administration of schools in unions of towns. When it appears to the commissioner that the efficiency of supervision in any union is or may be lessened because of the financial burden to towns, expenses for travel and other purposes required to be paid by the superintendent of such union because of the number and location of schools, geographical or other conditions, said commissioner, annually in August, shall issue to the governor and council a recommendation relative thereto and on the approval of said recommendation, the state controller upon the approval of the governor and council may draw a warrant for payment out of the sum appropriated for superintendence of towns comprising school unions in favor of the superintendent or superintendents of schools employed in said union within the school year ending June 30th immediately preceding, provided, however, that the amount so paid for the benefit of a single union shall not exceed ~~\$350~~ \$400 annually and shall be in addition to other payments made to said superintendent as provided in this section, and provided further, that the amount so available for the equalization of such expenses shall not exceed $\frac{1}{5}$ of the appropriation for superintendence of towns comprising school unions.'