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Legislative Document

No. 260

S. P. 110

In Senate, January 29, 1959

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

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Bates of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to Employment of Teachers.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 41, § 87, sub-§ V, amended. Subsection V of section 87 of chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 45 of chapter 364 of the public laws of 1957, is further amended by inserting after the second sentence, the following sentences :

‘After a probationary period of 3 years, any teacher, who receives notice in accordance with this section that his contract is not going to be renewed, may during the 15 days following such notification request a hearing with the school committee or governing board. He may request reasons. The hearing shall be private except by mutual consent and except that either or both parties may be represented by counsel. Such hearing must be granted within 30 days of the receipt of the teacher’s request. The teacher shall have the right of appeal to the State Board of Education whose decision shall be final.’

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 41, § 184, amended. Section 184 of chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 8 of chapter 369 of the public laws of 1955, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph, to read as follows :

‘After investigation and due notice to the teacher the State Board of Education shall suspend for a period not to exceed 30 days the certificate of any teacher who, having obligated himself to teach in any administrative unit, shall without good cause be absent from duty or resign without adequate notice. Adequate notice is defined as 30 calendar days, except that once a teacher has agreed upon a salary he may not resign during the month of August.’