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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

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OF THE

## STATE OF MAINE

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—shall procure conveyance for scholars.

town shall procure the conveyance of all public school pupils residing in his town, to and from the nearest suitable school, for the number of weeks for which schools are maintained in each year, when such pupils reside at such a distance from the said school as to render such conveyance necessary.'

Inconsistent acts, repealed.

Sect. 2. All acts and parts of acts, inconsistent with this act, are hereby repealed.

Approved March 26, 1897.

Chapter 296.

An Act relating to the employment of Superintendents of Schools.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

Two or more towns may unite in the employment of a superintendent of schools.

Sect. 1. On and after July first, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, the school committees of two or more towns, having under their care and custody an aggregate of not less than twenty-five or more than fifty schools, may unite in the employment of a superintendent of schools, provided they have been so authorized by a vote of their towns at the regular town meetings, or special town meetings called for that purpose.

School committees of such towns, shall form a joint committee.

Sect. 2. The school committees of the towns comprising a union shall form a joint committee, and for the purposes of this act said joint committee shall be held to be the agents of each town comprising the union. Said joint committee shall meet annually at a day and place agreed upon by the chairman of the committees of the several towns comprising the union, and shall organize by the choice of a chairman and a secretary. They shall determine the relative amount of service to be performed by the superintendent in each town, fix his salary, apportion the amounts thereof to be paid by the several towns, which amount shall be certified to the treasurers of said towns respectively; provided that the amounts so certified shall be in proportion to the amount of service performed in the several towns. They shall choose by ballot a superintendent of schools, in which choice the committee of each town shall have a vote proportional to the town's share of the expenditure for the superintendent's salary.

—shall meet annually.

—choose chairman and secretary.

—shall choose superintendent of schools.

—duties of joint committee.

Towns may provide for

Sect. 3. Whenever the chairman and secretary of said joint committee shall certify under oath to the state superintendent

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of common schools, the form of certificate to be determined by said state superintendent, in accordance with the provisions of this act, that a union has been effected as herein provided, that the towns unitedly have raised by taxation a sum not less than five hundred dollars for the support of a superintendent of schools, and that under the provision of this act a superintendent of schools has been employed for one year, then, upon the approval of said certificate by the state superintendent of common schools, and the presentation thereof to the governor and council, a warrant shall be drawn upon the treasurer of the state for the payment to the treasurers of the several towns of a sum equal to one-half the amount expended for superintendence by each of the several towns comprising the union, provided that not more than two hundred and fifty dollars shall be paid to any one town or more than seven hundred and fifty dollars to all the towns comprising any union.

compensation of superintendent.

—one half shall be paid by the state.

Sect. 4. The towns uniting for the purpose of employing a superintendent of schools shall appropriate for his salary their proportion of the sum paid said superintendent; and the amount to be paid by each town shall be determined by dividing the entire sum expended for superintendence among the towns comprising the union in the proportion of the service performed in each town.

Each town shall appropriate its proportion for support of superintendent.

—how the amount shall be determined.

Sect. 5. Persons employed to serve as superintendents of schools under this act shall hold state certificates under the act of eighteen hundred and ninety-five, providing for the state examination of teachers, and shall devote their entire time to superintendence.

Qualification of superintendents.

Sect. 6. The powers and duties of superintendents elected under this act shall be the same as those prescribed for town superintendents in chapter eleven, section eighty-seven of the public laws of the state of Maine.

Powers and duties.

Sect. 7. No town shall receive state aid under this act unless its appropriation and expenditure for superintendence have been exclusive of the amount required by law for common school purposes. If any part of the money raised by the towns or union of towns, or paid to them by the state for superintendence, is expended for any other purposes than those provided for in this act, then each person so misappropriating said money shall forfeit double the sum so misapplied, to be recovered in an action of debt, in the name and to the use of the town, by any inhabitant thereof; and no town or union of towns shall

State aid withheld, if expenditure is not exclusive of amount raised for common school purposes.

—penalty for misappropriating money raised for superintendence.

—how enforced.

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receive further aid under this act until the amount so misapplied has been raised and expended for superintendence by such town or union of towns.

Inconsis-  
tent acts,  
repealed.

Sect. 8. All acts and parts of acts, inconsistent with this act, are hereby repealed.

Approved March 26, 1897.

### Chapter 297.

An Act to amend Chapter two hundred and eighty-seven of [the Public Laws, of eighteen hundred and ninety-three, relating to the better protection of Sheep.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:*

Section 1,  
chapter 287,  
public laws,  
1893,  
amended.

Sect. 1. Section one of chapter two hundred and eighty-seven of the public laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-three is hereby amended by adding to said section the words, 'and make a return to the state treasurer of said lists and also of the number of dogs killed, as required by section seven of this act, on or before the fifteenth day of July following; and if any city or town shall fail to return to the state treasurer on or before September first of each year a sum of money equal to the license required by this act, on all dogs living on the first day of July preceding, such deficiency shall be added to the state tax of such delinquent city or town for the following year,' so that said section shall read as follows:

Invento-  
ries shall  
include  
lists of all  
dogs.

'Sect. 1. Assessors of cities, towns and plantations shall include in their inventories, lists of all dogs owned by or in possession of any inhabitant on the first day of April, setting the number and sex thereof opposite the names of their respective owners or persons in whose possession the same are found, and make a return to the state treasurer of said lists and also of the number of dogs killed as required by section seven of this act, on or before the fifteenth day of July following; and if any city or town shall fail to return to the state treasurer on or before September first of each year, a sum of money equal to the license required by this act, on all dogs living on the first day of July preceding, such deficiency shall be added to the state tax of such delinquent city or town for the following year.'

--return  
shall be  
made to  
state treas-  
urer.

--penalty,  
if town  
fails to  
make re-  
turn.

Sect. 2. Section two of said chapter is hereby amended by inserting after the words "ten dollars," and after the words "twenty dollars," where they appear in said section, the words, 'and fifteen cents,' so that said section shall read as follows:

Section 2,  
amended.