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OF THE  
STATE OF MAINE  
1907.

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**CHAP. 101**

the support of such insane poor in the hospital, during the continuance of his contract, in accordance with the provisions of statute in force at the time such contract was made.

State may  
recover.

Section 12. The state may recover from the insane, if able, or from persons legally liable for his support, the reasonable expenses of his support in the insane hospital.

Inconsistent  
acts  
repealed.

Section 13. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act, are hereby repealed.

When act  
shall take  
effect.

Section 14. This act shall take effect January first, nineteen hundred and ten.

Approved March 22, 1907.

### **Chapter 101.**

An Act to amend Sections forty-one, forty-two and forty-three of Chapter fifteen of the Revised Statutes, relating to District Superintendents of Schools.

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

Section 41,  
chapter 15,  
R. S.,  
amended.

Section 1. Section forty-one of chapter fifteen of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting in line eleven after the word "respectively" the words 'and to the state superintendent of schools,' also by striking out lines fourteen and fifteen of said section, so that said section as amended, shall read:

School com-  
mittees of  
such towns,  
shall form  
a joint  
committee.

'Section 41. The school committees of the towns comprising a union shall form a joint committee, and for the purposes of this section and the four following sections, 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 and to the state superintendent of schools, together with the amount apportioned to each town; 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 for a term not exceeding five years.'

—shall meet  
annually.

—choose  
chairman  
and  
secretary.  
—duties.

—shall  
choose  
superin-  
tendent of  
schools.  
Section 42,  
chapter 15,  
R. S.,  
amended.

Section 2. Section forty-two of said chapter is hereby amended by striking out all after the word "oath" in the second line of said section and inserting instead the following: 'to the state superintendent of schools, according to form prescribed by him, that a union has been maintained and a superintendent

employed as provided in sections forty and forty-one of this chapter, which certification shall be made quarterly, on the first days of January, April, July and October of each year, then, upon approval of said certificate by the state superintendent of schools and presentation to the governor and council, a warrant shall be drawn upon the treasurer of the state for the payment to the superintendent so employed of a sum equal to twice 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 eight hundred dollars in one year,' so that said section, as amended, shall read:

'Section 42. Whenever the chairman and secretary of said joint committee shall certify under oath to the state superintendent of schools, according to form prescribed by the state superintendent that a union has been maintained and a superintendent employed as provided in sections forty and forty-one of this chapter, which certification shall be made quarterly, on the first days of January, April, July and October of each year, then, upon approval of said certificate by the state superintendent of schools and presentation to the governor and council, a warrant shall be drawn upon the treasurer of the state for the payment to the superintendent so employed of a sum equal to twice 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 eight hundred dollars in one year.'

Towns may provide for compensation of superintendent.

—state aid.

Section 3. Section forty-three of said chapter is hereby amended by adding thereto the following: 'A union of towns formed under the provisions of sections forty and forty-one shall continue for a period of three years unless sooner dissolved by a two-thirds vote of the joint committee,' so that said section as amended, shall read as follows:

Section 43, chapter 15, R. S., amended.

'Section 43. 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. A union of towns formed under the provisions of sections forty and forty-one shall continue for a period of three years unless sooner dissolved by a two-thirds vote of the joint committee.'

Appropriation by each town for salary of superintendent.

—union of towns shall continue three years.