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to three-fifths the amount expended by said town or city for said superintendence, provided that the amount so paid for the benefit of a single town or city shall not exceed eight hundred dollars in one year.'

Section 2. Section forty-four of chapter fifteen of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting in line two after the word "forty-one" the words 'and section forty-two,' so that said section as amended, shall read:

Section 44,
chapter 15,
R. S.,
amended.

'Section 44. Persons employed to serve as superintendents of schools under section forty-one and section forty-two shall hold state certificates under section one hundred and five and shall devote their entire time to superintendence. The powers and duties of such superintendents shall be the same as those prescribed for town superintendents in this chapter.'

Qualifica-
tion of
superin-
tendents.

—powers
and duties.

Approved March 24, 1909.

Chapter 121.

An Act for the prevention of Tuberculosis among Cattle.

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

That such sum as may be deemed necessary by the cattle commissioners shall be used from their appropriation for the purpose of vaccination of cattle against tuberculosis, under such rules and regulations as may be made for the control of such work.

Vaccina-
tion of
cattle.

Approved March 24, 1909.

Chapter 122.

An Act to amend Sections forty, forty-one, and forty-four and forty-five of Chapter fifteen of the Revised Statutes, relating to the union of two or more towns for the employment of a Superintendent of Schools.

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

Section 1. Section forty of chapter fifteen of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter fifty-five of the public law of nineteen hundred and five, is hereby further amended by adding after the word "purpose" in line six of said section, the words, 'provided further that such union shall not take effect until the state superintendent of public schools shall have approved the certificate of union as hereinafter provided. But the committee of any town dissatisfied with the decision of the state superintendent may appeal to the governor and

Section 40,
chapter 15,
R. S., as
amended
by chapter
55, public
laws, 1905,
further
amended.

CHAP. 122

Superintendent of schools for union of two or more towns.

—proviso.

—may appeal.

Section 41, chapter 15, R. S., as amended by chapter 101, public laws, 1907, further amended.

School committees of such towns, shall form joint committee.

—shall meet annually.

—choose chairman and secretary.
—duties.

—shall choose superintendent of schools.

Section 44, chapter 15, R. S., amended.

council who shall make the final decision relative thereto,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Section 40. The school committees of two or more towns, having under their care and custody an aggregate of not less than twenty, nor 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. Provided further, that such union shall not take effect until the state superintendent of public schools shall have approved the certificate of union as hereinafter provided. But the committee of any town dissatisfied with the decision of the state superintendent may appeal to the governor and council who shall make a final decision relative thereto.'

Section 2. Section forty-one of chapter fifteen of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter one hundred and one of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seven is hereby further amended by adding after the word "years" in the seventeenth line the words 'but the period of such election shall not exceed that for which the union of towns has been authorized,' so that said section when amended shall read as follows:

'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 chairmen 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 amounts 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, but the period of such election shall not exceed that for which the union of towns has been authorized.'

Section 3. Section forty-four of chapter fifteen of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the

word "certificates" in line two thereof, the words of 'superintendence grade which shall be issued upon such examination as may be prescribed by the state superintendent of public schools,' and by inserting after the word "and" in line three thereof, the word 'they,' and by striking out in lines two and three thereof, the words "under section one hundred and five," so that said section when amended shall read as follows:

'Section 44. Persons employed to serve as superintendents of schools under section forty-one shall hold state certificates of superintendence grade which shall be issued upon such examination as may be prescribed by the state superintendent of public schools and they shall devote their entire time to superintendence in the towns comprising the union. The powers and duties of said superintendents shall be the same as those prescribed for town superintendents in this chapter.'

Qualifica-
tion of
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tendents.

—powers
and duties.

Section 4. Section forty-five of chapter fifteen of the revised statutes as amended by section eight of chapter forty-eight of the public laws of nineteen hundred and five, is hereby further amended by striking out after the word "towns" in the last line of said section, the words "the provisions of this section and of the five preceding sections shall apply equally to towns formed by the union of two or more towns," so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

Section 45,
chapter 15,
R. S., as
amended by
section 8,
chapter 48,
public laws,
1905,
further
amended.

'Section 45. No town shall receive state aid under section forty-two 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 said section, 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 receive further aid under said section until the amount so misapplied has been raised and expended for superintendence by such town or union of towns.'

Superin-
tendence to
be paid for,
exclusive
of amount
required
for school
purposes.

—forfeiture
for viola-
tion.