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STATE OF MAINE

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**Chapter 78.**

CHAP. 78

An Act to Amend Section Thirty-four of Chapter Fifteen of the Revised Statutes, as Amended by Chapter One Hundred Seventy-three of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred Eleven, Relating to the Management of Schools and the Election of the Superintendent of Schools by the Superintending School Committee.

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

Section thirty-four of chapter fifteen of the revised statutes as amended by chapter one hundred seventy-three of the public laws of nineteen hundred eleven is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "section" in the tenth line thereof the words 'so far as it relates to the manner of the election or employment of superintendents of schools,' so that said section when amended shall read as follows:

'Section 34. The management of the schools and the custody and care, including repairs and insurance on school buildings, of all school property in every town, shall devolve upon the superintending school committee which shall annually, and as often as a vacancy shall occur, elect a superintendent of schools who shall not be a member of the committee. After due notice and investigation the superintending school committee may for cause discharge a superintendent of schools and after protracted absence from duty on the part of said superintendent may declare a vacancy in his office. This section, so far as it relates to the manner of the election or employment of superintendents of schools shall not apply to cities, nor to towns authorized by special laws to employ or choose superintendents in manner otherwise than as herein provided.'

Section 34 of chapter 15, R. S., as amended by chapter 173 of P. L. of 1911, further amended.

Management of schools devolves upon superintending school committee.

—exceptions.

Approved March 19, 1913.

**Chapter 79.**

An Act to Amend Section Fifty-one of Chapter Fifteen of the Revised Statutes as Amended by Chapter Forty-eight of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred Five, as Amended by Chapter Two Hundred Thirty-eight of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred Nine, as Amended by Chapter One Hundred Thirteen of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred Eleven, Relating to the Election of Truant Officers.

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

Section fifty-one of chapter fifteen of the revised statutes as amended by chapter forty-eight of the public laws of nineteen hundred five, as amended by chapter two hundred thirty-eight of the public laws of nineteen hundred nine as amended by chapter one hundred thirteen of the public laws of nineteen hundred eleven, is hereby further amended by striking out the

Section 51 of chapter 15, R. S., as amended by chapter 48, P. L. of 1905, as amended by chapter 238, P. L. of 1909, as amended by chapter 113, P. L. of 1911, further amended.

CHAP. 79 words "cities and towns" in the first line and inserting in place thereof the words 'the superintending school committee of every city and town' and by striking out the word "the" in the fifth line and inserting in place thereof the word 'said' and by striking out the words "city or town" in the ninth line and inserting in place thereof the word 'state' and by inserting after the word "report" in the twenty-third line the words 'in writing' and by inserting after the word "report" in the twenty-sixth line the words 'in writing' and by striking out all of said section after the word "statutes" in the thirty-fourth line thereof and substituting in place thereof the following: 'Superintending school committees shall elect truant officers at their first meeting after the annual meeting of the town; they shall fill any vacancies occurring during the year and they shall have authority to fix the compensation of said officers and said compensation shall be paid from the appropriation made for salaries of municipal officers. Any truant officer neglecting any duty required of him under the provisions of this chapter shall be liable to a fine of not less than ten nor more than fifty dollars and any town failing through its superintending school committee to meet said provisions shall be liable to the provisions of section sixteen of this chapter' so that section when amended shall read as follows:

Cities and towns shall elect truant officers.

—duties.

—penalty for neglect to elect truant officers.

—further duties of truant officers.

—truant officers may visit factories, etc.

'Section 51. The superintending school committee of every city and town shall annually elect one or more persons, to be designated truant officers, who shall inquire into all cases of neglect of the duties prescribed in section forty-nine and ascertain the reasons therefor and shall promptly report the same to said superintending school committee, and such truant officers or any of them shall, when so directed by the school committee or superintendent in writing, prosecute in the name of the state any person neglecting to perform the duties prescribed in said section, by promptly entering a complaint before a magistrate; and said officer shall, when notified by any teacher that any pupil is irregular in attendance, arrest and take such pupil to school when found truant; and further such officers shall enforce the provisions of sections one hundred eighteen to one hundred twenty, inclusive, of this chapter. Truant officers, when so directed in writing by the superintendent of schools or the superintending school committee of their respective towns may visit the manufacturing, mechanical, mercantile and other business establishments in their several cities and towns during the hours in which the public schools of such city or town are in session, and ascertain whether any minors under the age of

fifteen years are employed therein, and shall report in writing any cases of such employment to the superintendent of schools or the superintending school committee of their city or town and if employed therein contrary to the provisions of chapter forty, shall also report in writing such illegal employment to the commissioner of labor. The owner, superintendent, overseer or agent of all manufacturing, mechanical, mercantile or other business establishments, upon request shall produce for the inspection of such truant officers all certified copies of records of birth and baptism, passports and age and schooling certificates required to be kept on file in such establishments under chapter forty of the revised statutes. Superintending school committees shall elect truant officers at their first meeting after the annual meeting of the town; they shall fill any vacancies occurring during the year and they shall have authority to fix the compensation of said officers and said compensation shall be paid from the appropriation made for the salaries of municipal officers. Any truant officer neglecting any duty required of him under the provisions of this chapter shall be liable to a fine of not less than ten nor more than fifty dollars and any town failing through its superintending school committee to meet said provisions shall be liable to the provisions of section sixteen of this chapter.'

CHAP. 80

—election of truant officers.

—vacancies, how filled.

—truant officer liable to fine for neglect of duty.

Approved March 19, 1913.

### Chapter 80.

An Act to Amend Section Three of Chapter One Hundred Sixty-two of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred Five, Entitled "An Act Enlarging the Duties and Fixing the Compensation of the Attorney General."

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

Section three of chapter one hundred sixty-two of the public laws of nineteen hundred five is hereby amended by adding thereto the following words: 'He may also institute and conduct prosecutions for all offenses against the provisions of chapters five and six of the revised statutes, and for that purpose attend and present evidence to grand juries and assist them in the examination of witnesses and drawing indictments,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Section 3. He shall consult with and advise the county attorneys in matters relating to their duties; and if in his judgment the public interest so requires he shall assist them by attending the grand jury in the examination of a case in which

Section 3 of chapter 162, P. L. of 1905, amended.

If public interest requires, attorney general shall consult with and advise county attorneys.