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OF THE

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STATE OF MAINE

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public accountant, or use the abbreviation C. P. A., or any other words, letters or figures to represent that he is a certified public accountant, or shall practice as such without having received a certificate in accordance with the provisions of this act, or who shall issue any such sign, card or other indication or assume such title or abbreviation after any certificate authorizing such use by him has been revoked or continue to practice as a certified public accountant shall upon conviction be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars.

Section 14. The board shall annually make a report to the governor and council showing its receipts and disbursements in detail, the names of persons to whom certificates have been issued, and the names of persons whose certificates have been revoked with the reasons therefor, during the fiscal year ending June thirtieth.

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Board shall  
make annual  
report.

Approved March 31, 1913.

## Chapter 145.

An Act to Amend Sections Forty and Forty-three of Chapter Fifteen of the Revised Statutes, as Amended, Relating to the Continuance of Unions of Towns Formed 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 laws of nineteen hundred seven as amended by chapter one hundred twenty-two of the public laws of nineteen hundred nine as amended by chapter ninety-two of the public laws of nineteen hundred eleven, is hereby further amended by adding at the end of said section the following: 'A union of towns formed under the provisions of this section shall upon its first organization continue for a period of at least three years unless sooner dissolved by a two-thirds vote of the joint committee, but after the expiration of said three-year period any of the towns forming said union may at its annual meeting withdraw from said union and the remaining members may continue a union in accordance with the conditions herein prescribed as to the number of schools and upon the approval of a new certificate of union by the state superintendent of public schools. The joint committee of any union of towns may admit to said union any town or towns which have voted to join the said union; but such admission shall be subject to the conditions herein prescribed as to the number of schools and upon the approval

Section 40  
of chap. 15,  
R. S., as  
amended,  
further  
amended.

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of a new certificate of union by the state superintendent of public schools,' so that said section, when amended, shall read as follows:

School committees of two or more towns may unite in employment of superintendent.

—shall be authorized by vote of towns.

—State supt. of schools shall approve union.

—appeal from supt. of schools.

—further proviso.

—union shall continue for three years.

'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 the final decision relative thereto. Provided further in any case where it shall appear to the state superintendent of public schools, upon the representation of the school committees of certain towns that, owing to geographical situation or other reasons it is to the advantage of the state and of the said towns that a union shall include fewer than twenty or more than fifty schools said state superintendent of public schools shall have authority to approve the certificate of such union, and a union so formed shall, except for the number of schools, be governed by the conditions herein prescribed for unions of towns. A union of towns formed under the provisions of this section shall upon its first organization continue for a period of at least three years unless sooner dissolved by a two-thirds vote of the joint committee, but after the expiration of said three-year period any of the towns forming said union may at its annual meeting withdraw from said union and the remaining members may continue a union in accordance with the conditions herein prescribed as to the number of schools and upon the approval of a new certificate of union by the state superintendent of public schools. The joint committee of any union of towns may admit to said union any town or towns which have voted to join the said union; but such admission shall be subject to the conditions herein prescribed as to the number of schools and upon the approval of a new certificate of union by the state superintendent of public schools.'

Section 43 of chap. 15, R. S., as amended by chap. 101 of P. L. of 1907, further amended.

Section 2. Section forty-three of chapter fifteen of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter one hundred one of the public laws of nineteen hundred seven, is hereby further amended by striking out all of said section after the word "town" in the seventh line thereof so that said section, when amended,

shall read as follows:

'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.'

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Salary of  
supt., how  
paid.

Approved March 31, 1913.

### Chapter 146.

An Act to Amend Section Twelve of Chapter Four of the Revised Statutes, as Amended, Relating to the Choice of Town Officers.

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

Section twelve of chapter four of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter one hundred seventy of the public laws of nineteen hundred five, is hereby further amended by adding thereto the following: 'And in towns of over four thousand inhabitants the candidates receiving the greatest number of votes for any of the above mentioned offices shall be deemed elected to such office,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

Section 12  
of chap. 4,  
R. S., as  
amended by  
chap. 170 of  
P. L. of  
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'Section 12. Annual town meetings shall be held in March, and the voters shall then choose, by a major vote, a clerk, three, five or seven inhabitants of the town to be selectmen and overseers of the poor, when other overseers are not chosen, three or more assessors, two or more fence viewers, treasurer, surveyors of lumber, sealers of leather, measurers of wood and bark, constables, collectors of taxes and other usual town officers; and if one-third of the voters present are in favor thereof, they shall choose, by a major vote, one auditor of accounts, all of whom shall be sworn. Treasurers and collectors of towns shall not be selectmen or assessors, until they have completed their duties as treasurers and collectors and had a final settlement with the town. Provided, however, any town electing three selectmen, three overseers of the poor and three assessors, if they shall vote so to do, may elect one member of each of the above named boards for one year, one for two years, and one for three years, and at each annual meeting thereafter one member of each of the said boards shall be elected for a term of three years; towns electing more than three selectmen, three overseers of the poor and three assessors, may by vote determine how many of each of said boards shall be elected annually

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