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shall be prepared by said board, also to an oral examination by the board, if deemed necessary, and shall be required to answer correctly a minimum of seventy per cent of the questions given him to entitle him to the certificate of the board. The board shall, however, have power to establish such higher grades of standing as to them may seem proper.'

Said section is further amended by adding thereto the following:

'Applicants who took examination while in service entitled to certificate on an average minimum of sixty per cent. In all cases where the applicants have complied with the requirements of section twenty-seven, chapter eighty-four of the revised statutes of nineteen hundred and sixteen and who were at the time in the service of the United States Army or Navy, and who have since received an honorable discharge, or are still in the service, who took the examination for admission to the bar while in said service, and who have also complied with section twenty-eight of said chapter eighty-four and who received, by answering all questions propounded to them by said board of examiners, an average minimum of at least sixty per cent of the questions given them. At any time upon an application hereafter made by them to said board, they are entitled to receive the certificate of said board and all such applicants who heretofore have taken examinations before said board as required by law, and have paid in the fee required by said board, shall be entitled at any time hereafter to take his examination before said board upon applying to them for the right so to do, without paying any extra fee for said second examination.'

Approved February 27, 1919.

Chapter 17.

An Act to Amend Sections One, Two, Three, Five and Eleven of Chapter Two Hundred and Twenty-two of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen, Entitled "An Act to Provide for Mothers with Dependent Children."

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

Sec. 1. P. L. 1917, c. 222, § 1; relating to cities and towns rendering aid to mothers with dependent children, amended. Section one of chapter two hundred and twenty-two of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen is hereby amended by striking out the word "fourteen" and inserting in lieu thereof the word 'sixteen,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 1. Age limit of children increased to sixteen years. Every city and town shall, subject to the provisions hereinafter contained, render suitable and needful aid to any mother residing therein, with a dependent child or children under the age of sixteen years, who needs and desires such aid to enable her to maintain herself and children in her home and

who is fit and capable, mentally, morally and physically to bring up her children.'

Sec. 2. P. L., 1917, c. 222, § 2; relating to settlement, amended. Section two of chapter two hundred and twenty-two is hereby amended by striking out in the first and second lines the words "whether or not they or any of them" and inserting in lieu thereof the word 'who,' and by inserting after the word "state" in the second line the word 'or,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 2. Must have settlement in state or lived in state for five consecutive years. This act shall apply to all mothers and their dependent children who may have a settlement in this state, or who shall have resided in the state for not less than five consecutive years next prior to making application for aid. No mother, nor any of her children shall acquire a settlement or be in process of acquiring a settlement while receiving aid nor be deemed a pauper by reason of receiving such aid.'

Sec. 3. P. L., 1917, c. 222, § 3; relating to amount of aid, amended. Section three of said chapter two hundred and twenty-two is hereby amended by striking out the words "Such aid shall not exceed the value of ten dollars a month to a mother having but one child under the age of fourteen years, with a further allowance not exceeding four dollars a month in value for each additional child," so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 3. Amount of aid not limited. The aid to be furnished hereunder may be furnished either in money or supplies or both.'

Sec. 4. P. L., 1917, c. 222, § 5; relating to form of application for aid, amended. Section five of said chapter two hundred and twenty-two is hereby amended by striking out in the eighteenth line thereof the word "fourteen" and inserting in lieu thereof the word 'sixteen,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 5. Applicant to agree to employ all aid received for self and children under sixteen years, instead of under fourteen years. Any mother entitled thereto needing and desiring aid herein provided for may apply therefor personally or by letter to said municipal board. The board shall thereupon cause the applicant to fill out and sign an application blank or shall fill out the same from information furnished by the applicant who shall sign it, in which shall be stated: first, name of the applicant and that of her husband, the time and place of her marriage, and whether her husband is living or deceased; second, the names and ages of her children, whether those under compulsory school attendance are attending and what school, and if not, the reason of such non-attendance; third, her present residence and address, the length of time she has been a resident of this

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state and where she has resided therein; fourth, the nature and amount of any property possessed by herself or her husband, if living, and her children, and the extent and source of their income and hers; fifth, the name and addresses of her near relatives and those of her husband, and of one or more persons to whom reference may be made for information; sixth, a statement that the applicant will agree to employ all aid received by her under this act solely for the support of herself and her children under the age of sixteen years, and for their proper upbringing in her home. The board may, if it deems proper, require any such application and the statements made therein to be substantiated by the oath or affirmation of the applicant.

Any person who shall knowingly, wilfully and with intent to deceive make any false statement in said application blank shall be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars or by imprisonment not exceeding one year, or both.'

Sec. 5. P. L., 1917, c. 222, § 11; relating to reimbursement to municipalities, amended. Section eleven of said chapter two hundred and twenty-two is hereby amended by striking out in the sixth, seventh and eighth lines thereof the words "but one-half of such reimbursement shall be made from the appropriation for state paupers," so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 11. Reimbursements not taken from state pauper fund. Any city, town or plantation rendering aid under the provisions of this act, shall be reimbursed by the state for one-half of the amount expended after approval by the state board and state auditor of its bills. If the mother so aided has no settlement the city or town shall be reimbursed for the total amount of the aid given after approval of the bill as aforesaid. If the mother so aided has a lawful settlement in another city or town, the amount of such aid rendered may be recovered by the city or town giving it in an action against the city or town liable therefor, provided the city or town so liable was notified in accordance with the requirements of section thirty-three of chapter twenty-nine of the revised statutes, or against the kindred of the mother and children so aided in the manner provided by section thirty-three.'

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Chapter 18.

An Act to Amend Paragraph One of Section Fifty-seven of Chapter Sixteen of the Revised Statutes, as Amended by Chapter One Hundred and Eighty-eight of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen, Relating to the Payment of State Aid to Superintendents of Unions of Towns.

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

R. S., c. 16, § 57; 1917, c. 188; relating to state aid to be paid school supervisory unions. Paragraph one of section fifty-seven of chapter six-