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than four per centum of the amount of capital and surplus of such industrial bank.'

Approved April 1, 1919.

Chapter 146.

An Act to Amend Section One Hundred and Twenty-two of Chapter Sixteen of the Revised Statutes, Relating to the Duties of the State Superintendent of Public Schools and Providing for the Teaching of Common School Subjects in the English Language.

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

R. S., c. 16, § 122, ¶ VII; relating to duties of state superintendent of schools relative to courses of study in public schools. Paragraph VII of section one hundred and twenty-two of chapter sixteen of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out all of said paragraph and substituting in place thereof the following:

'VII. Basic language in all public and private schools to be English; state superintendent to prescribe courses of study in private schools approved for attendance or tuition. To prescribe the studies to be taught in the public schools and in private schools approved for attendance and tuition purposes, reserving to superintending school committees, trustees or other officers in charge of such public or private schools the right to prescribe additional studies, and the course of study prescribed by the state superintendent of public schools shall be followed in all public schools and in all private schools approved by the state superintendent for attendance or tuition purposes; provided, however, that upon the approval by the state superintendent of any course arranged by the superintending school committee of any town, or by the trustees or other officers of any private school, said course shall be the authorized course for said town or private school; provided, further, that the basic language of instruction in the common school branches in all schools, public and private, shall be the English language. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the teaching in elementary schools of any language as such.'

Approved April 1, 1919.

Chapter 147.

An Act to Amend Section Twenty of Chapter One Hundred and Seventeen of the Revised Statutes, as Amended by Chapter One Hundred and Seventy-nine of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen, Relating to the Employing of Clerks and Agents by the State Superintendent of Public Schools.

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

R. S., c. 117, § 20, 1917, c. 179; relating to salary of state superintendent of schools and his deputy, amended. Section twenty of chapter one hun-

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dred and seventeen of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter one hundred and seventy-nine of the public laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen, is hereby further amended by striking out all of said section after the word "paid" in the fourth line thereof and substituting therefor the following words: 'out of such funds as may be provided for that purpose. He shall appoint a deputy, and shall employ such agents as may be authorized by law and such clerical assistance as he may deem necessary and as may be approved by the governor and council for carrying on the work of his office. The deputy state superintendent of public schools and the agents employed by the state superintendent in accordance with the provisions of this section shall receive such salaries as the governor and council may approve within the appropriation made by the legislature and shall also receive their necessary traveling expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties', so that said section, when amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 20. Salaries of deputy and school agents to be fixed by governor and council. The state superintendent of public schools shall receive an annual salary of four thousand dollars. He shall also receive his actual cash expenses incurred in the performance of his official duties which shall be paid out of such funds as may be provided for that purpose. He shall appoint a deputy, and shall employ such agents as may be authorized by law and such clerical assistance as he may deem necessary and as may be approved by the governor and council for carrying on the work of his office. The deputy state superintendent of public schools and the agents employed by the state superintendent in accordance with the provisions of this section shall receive such salaries as the governor and council may approve within the appropriation made by the legislature and shall also receive their necessary traveling expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties.'

Approved April 1, 1919.

Chapter 148.

An Act to Amend Section One Hundred and Thirty-seven of Chapter Sixteen of the Revised Statutes, Relating to the Maintaining of Evening Schools, and to Provide for Americanization and the Reducing of Illiteracy.

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

R. S., c. 16, § 137; relating to state aid to towns maintaining manual training in evening schools, amended. Section one hundred and thirty-seven of chapter sixteen of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding to said section the following words: 'provided, however, that for the purpose of Americanization and also for the purpose of reducing illiteracy within the state all towns and cities in which there are persons of normal mentality over eighteen years of age who are unable to read,