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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,

to write and to speak the English language to a reasonable degree of efficiency, or who are unable to read and to write in any language, are hereby authorized to organize and conduct evening schools or classes in which such persons of foreign birth or foreign extraction shall be given opportunity to learn to read, to write and to speak the English language and to learn the duties of citizens in a democracy, and also in which illiterates shall be given opportunity to learn to read and to write and to pursue such other subjects as will increase their civic intelligence. Such schools and classes shall meet the approval of the state superintendent of schools in regard to the qualifications of instructors, length of term and subjects offered and towns maintaining them shall be reimbursed to the same extent and in the same manner as for other schools and classes set forth in this section,' so that said section, when amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 137. Towns maintaining evening schools for pupils over eighteen years old to be reimbursed; schools to be approved by state superintendent. Whenever the superintending school committee of any town shall have maintained during the school year an evening school as provided by section twenty-five, said town shall be reimbursed by the state a sum equal to two-thirds the amount paid for instruction in such evening school, provided there shall have been offered, in addition to the subjects elsewhere prescribed for evening schools, courses in the commercial branches, the domestic and manual arts or the elements of the trades, said courses to be subject to the approval of the state superintendent of public schools; no town shall be entitled to receive a reimbursement under the provisions of this section, unless the total average attendance in said courses shall equal not less than twenty-five per cent of the average attendance of the school; 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, to write and to speak the English language to a reasonable degree of efficiency, or who are unable to read and to write in any language, are hereby authorized to organize and conduct evening schools or classes in which such persons of foreign birth or foreign extraction shall be given opportunity to learn to read, to write and to speak the English language and to learn the duties of citizens in a democracy, and also in which illiterates shall be given opportunity to learn to read and to write and to pursue such other subjects as will increase their civic intelligence. Such schools and classes shall meet the approval of the state superintendent of schools in regard to the qualifications of instructors, length of term and subjects offered and towns maintaining them shall be reimbursed to the same extent and in the same manner as for other schools and classes set forth in this section.'

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