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Chapter 25.

An Act to Amend Section One Hundred and Twenty-two of Chapter Sixteen of the Revised Statutes as Amended by Chapter One Hundred and Forty-six of the Public Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Nineteen, Requiring the Teaching of American History and Civil Government in the Public and Private Schools.

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

R. S., c. 16, § 122; 1919, c. 146; relating to authority of state superintendent of schools to prescribe courses of study in common schools, and requiring that English shall be the basic language taught, amended. Paragraph VII of section one hundred and twenty-two of chapter sixteen of the revised statutes as amended by chapter one hundred and forty-six of the public laws of nineteen hundred and nineteen, is hereby further amended by adding after the words "the English language," in the fourteenth line thereof the words, 'and provided further that American history and civil government shall be taught in all common schools of elementary and high school grades, both public and private, and that American history and civil government shall be required for graduation from all grammar schools, both public and private,' so that said paragraph, as amended, shall read as follows:

'VII. American history and civil government to be taught in all common schools, both public and private, of elementary and high school grades; American history and civil government required for graduation from all grammar schools, private and public. 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; and provided, further, that American history and civil government shall be taught in all common schools of elementary and high school grades, both public and private, and that American history and civil government shall be required for graduation from all grammar schools, both public and private. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the teaching in elementary schools of any language as such.'

Approved March 17, 1921.