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**Chapter 26.**

An Act to Amend Section Fifty-six and Paragraph II of Section Fifty-seven of Chapter Sixteen of the Revised Statutes as Amended, Relating to the Election and Term of Office of Superintendents of Schools.

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 16, § 56; 1917, c. 188, § 2; relating to joint superintending school committee, organization meetings, election of superintendent, etc., amended.** Section fifty-six 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 is hereby further amended by striking out the words "less than one year nor" in the twenty-third line thereof and by inserting after the word "years" in the twenty-fourth line thereof the words, 'and the term for which a superintendent is elected shall, in all cases, end on the thirtieth day of June of the year in which the contract expires', so that said section, when amended, shall read as follows:

**'Sec. 56. Superintendent may be chosen for any term not to exceed five years; term to end on the thirtieth of June of year in which contract expires.** The superintending school committees of the towns composing a union shall form a joint committee, and for the purposes of this section and the four following sections, said joint committee shall be held to be the agents of each town composing the union, provided, however, that the superintending school committee of any town may authorize one of its members to act for the committee in the meetings of the joint committee, and in such case, the member so authorized, may cast the votes for the full membership of his committee. Said joint committee upon notification by the state superintendent of public schools shall meet before the first day of July, nineteen hundred eighteen, and in June annually thereafter, at a day and place agreed upon by the chairman of the committees of the several towns composing the union, and shall organize by the choice of a chairman and a secretary. Said joint committee shall determine the relative amount of service to be performed by the superintendent in each town, including the minimum number of visits to be made each term to each school, fix his salary, apportion the amounts thereof to be paid by the several towns, which amounts shall be certified to the treasurers of said towns, respectively, and to the state superintendent of public schools, together with the amounts apportioned to each town, provided, that the amount so certified shall be in proportion to the amount of service performed in the several towns. Said joint committee, at the time of its organization, or as soon thereafter as possible, and whenever a vacancy shall occur, shall choose by ballot a superintendent of schools for a term of not more than five years and the term for which a superintendent is

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elected shall, in all cases, end on the thirtieth day of June of the year in which the contract expires, provided, however, that said committee, by a two-thirds vote of its full membership, after due notice and investigation, may, for cause, discharge a superintendent of schools before the expiration of the term for which he was elected, and after such discharge the salary of said superintendent shall cease.'

**Sec. 2. R. S., c. 16, § 57, Par. II; 1917, c. 188, § 4; relating to the employment of a school superintendent in towns and cities having more than 50 schools, amended.** Paragraph II 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 is hereby further amended by striking out the word "and" following the word "term" in the fifth line thereof and inserting in place thereof a comma and the words 'his salary shall be fixed and he', so that said paragraph, when amended, shall read as follows:

**'II. Salary of superintendent shall be fixed by committee at the time he is chosen.** The superintending school committee of a city or town having under its care and custody an aggregate of more than fifty schools may employ a superintendent of schools without uniting with other cities or towns for the purpose. Said superintendent of schools shall be chosen in the same manner and for the same term, his salary shall be fixed and he may be discharged under the same conditions as superintendents employed under the provisions of section fifty-six. Annually, in the month of December, the chairman and secretary of said committee shall certify to the state superintendent of public schools, upon forms prescribed by him, all facts relative to the employment of a superintendent including the amount of his salary received, then upon the approval of said certificate by the state superintendent of public schools and presentation to the governor and council a warrant shall be drawn upon the treasurer of state for the payment to the treasurer of that town or city, of a sum equal to two-thirds the amount expended by said town or city for said superintendence, provided that the amount so paid for the benefit of a single town or city shall not be at a rate exceeding eight hundred dollars for one year.'

Approved March 17, 1921.

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## Chapter 27.

An Act to Amend Section Sixteen of Chapter Twenty-eight of the Revised Statutes, Increasing the Compensation of Fence-viewers.

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

**R. S., c. 28, § 16; relating to the compensation of fence viewers, amended.** Section sixteen of chapter twenty-eight of the revised statutes