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## Chapter 135.

An Act Relating to Clerk Hire in the Registry of Deeds for Oxford County.

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

**R. S., c. 117, sec. 45; as amended; relating to clerk hire in county offices, further amended.** That portion of section forty-five of chapter one hundred and seventeen of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter two hundred and nineteen of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-one, and as amended further, relating to clerk hire in the county offices in Oxford county, is hereby further amended by striking out the words, "six hundred twenty-four" in the second line of the sub-paragraph relating to Oxford county and inserting in the place thereof the words 'eight hundred,' so that said sub-paragraph of said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

**Oxford county registry of deeds clerk hire, increased.** 'For clerks in the office of the register of deeds, eight hundred dollars, and such additional amount as may be authorized by the county commissioners; for clerks in the office of the register of probate, five hundred and twenty dollars; for clerks in the office of clerk of court, six hundred dollars.'

Approved April 12, 1927.

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## Chapter 136.

An Act Relating to School Supervisory Unions.

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 16, sec. 57, Par. I; P. L., 1917, c. 188; 1919, c. 18; relating to certificate as to election of superintendent of schools of school unions, amended.** Paragraph one of section fifty-seven of chapter sixteen of the revised statutes, as amended, is further amended by striking out after the words "equal to" in line eleven the word "twice" and by striking out after the word "exceed" in line fourteen the word "eight" and inserting the word 'twelve,' and after the word "year" in line fourteen insert 'nor shall any school union receive less than one thousand dollars per year,' so that paragraph one shall read as follows:

**'Sec. 57. State aid to equal aggregate amount paid by towns; state aid not to exceed \$1200 for a single union nor be less than \$1000.** I. The chairman and secretary of said joint committee shall, upon the election of a superintendent of schools as provided by the preceding section, certify under oath to the state superintendent of public schools, upon the forms prescribed by him, all facts relative to said union and employment of a

superintendent. On or before the first day of August, nineteen hundred eighteen, and annually thereafter, and whenever a new superintendent is chosen said chairman and secretary shall make return of a similar certificate. Upon approval of said certificate the superintendent so employed shall, on presentation of proper vouchers, receive monthly out of the sum appropriated for superintendence of towns composing school unions a sum equal to the aggregate sum paid by the towns composing the union, provided, that the amount so paid for the benefit of a single union of towns shall not exceed twelve hundred dollars in one year nor shall any school union receive less than one thousand dollars per year, and provided further, that the annual appropriation for payments hereunder shall be deducted from state school funds. The state superintendent of public schools annually shall cause an investigation to be made of the conditions of supervision in unions of towns, including the relative financial support for supervision by towns, the relative distances required to be traveled and the relative amounts of expenses to be paid by superintendents of schools directly in connection with the supervision and administration of schools in unions of towns. When it appears to the state superintendent of public schools that the efficiency of supervision in any union is or may be lessened because of the financial burden to towns, expenses for travel and other purposes required to be paid by the superintendent of such union because of the number and location of schools, geographical or other conditions, said state superintendent of public schools, annually in August, shall issue to the governor and council a recommendation relative thereto and the governor and council, on the approval of said recommendation, may draw a warrant for payment out of the sum appropriated for superintendence of towns composing school unions in favor of the superintendent or superintendents of schools employed in said union within the school year ending June thirtieth immediately preceding, provided, however, that the amount so paid for the benefit of a single union shall not exceed three hundred and fifty dollars annually and shall be in addition to other payments made to said superintendent as provided in this section and provided further that the amount so available for the equalization of such expenses shall not exceed one-fifth of the appropriation for superintendence of towns composing school unions.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 16, sec. 57, Par. II; P. L., 1917, c. 188; 1921, c. 26; relating to employment of a superintendent in towns and cities having more than fifty schools, amended. Paragraph two of section fifty-seven of chapter sixteen of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended by striking out after the words "equal to" in line fourteen the word "two-thirds" and by striking out after the word "exceeding" in line seventeen the word "eight" and inserting the word "twelve," so that paragraph two shall read as follows:

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'II. State aid payment to equal amount paid city or town, but not to exceed \$1200 per year. 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 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 twelve hundred dollars for one year.'

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## Chapter 137.

An Act Relating to the Employment of Children.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 49, sec. 20; P. L., 1919, c. 190; relating to employment of minors under fourteen years of age, amended. Section twenty of chapter forty-nine of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter one hundred ninety of the public laws of nineteen hundred nineteen, is hereby further amended by adding at the end thereof the words 'except as hereinafter provided,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sec. 20. Minors under fifteen years of age excepted from certain provisions of law relating to employment. No child under fourteen years of age shall be employed, permitted or suffered to work in, about, or in connection with any manufacturing or mechanical establishment. No child under fifteen years of age shall be employed, permitted or suffered to work at any business or service for hire, whatever, during the hours that the public schools of the town or city in which he resides are in session, except as hereinafter provided.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 49, sec. 21; P. L., 1917, c. 146; 1919, c. 190; relating to the employment of minors between ages of fourteen and sixteen years,