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Chapter 139.

An Act Relating to Duties of Superintending School Committees.

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

R. S., c. 16, sec. 38; relating to duties of superintending school committees, amended. Section thirty-eight of chapter sixteen of the revised statutes as amended is hereby further amended by adding at the close of said section the following:

'VIII. For the purpose of increasing the efficiency of the public schools of the state, superintending school committees and boards of education shall have authority to grant to any teacher, principal or other person regularly employed by them a leave of absence for a period not to exceed one year and on not more than half pay, such leave of absence to be granted only after seven years of service and under such conditions and with such regulations as may be determined by the governing board, and for the purpose of permitting said teacher, principal or other person to pursue a further course of study or to travel, to the end that he or she may be better fitted by education and culture for his or her position in the schools.

IX. They shall have authority to adjust the salary of teachers, principals and other persons legally employed by them who are compelled to be absent from their school duties on account of illness. The provisions of this act shall apply only in cases of persons who are employed on yearly contracts or on tenure of service and who hold the legal qualifications necessary for such position.'

So that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'**Sec. 38. Duties and authority.** Superintending school committees shall perform the following duties:

I. Direct the general course of instruction and approve a uniform system of textbooks; no textbook thus approved shall be changed for three years unless by vote of the committee; and perform such other functions as may be specified by law.

II. They shall make provision for the instruction of all pupils in schools, supported by public money or under state control, in physiology and hygiene, with special reference to the effects of alcoholic drinks, stimulants and narcotics upon the human system.

III. After due notice and investigation, they shall dismiss any teacher, although having the requisite certificate, who proves unfit to teach, or whose services they deem unprofitable to the school; and give to said teacher a certificate of dismissal and of the reasons therefor, a copy of which they shall retain, and such dismissal shall not deprive the teacher of compensation for previous services.

IV. Expel any obstinately disobedient and disorderly scholar, after a

proper investigation of his behavior, if found necessary for the peace and usefulness of the school; and restore him on satisfactory evidence of his repentance and amendment.

V. Exclude, if they deem it expedient, any person not vaccinated, although otherwise entitled to admission, unless a parent or guardian of such person shall present a signed statement that such parent or guardian is opposed to vaccination in which event such person may only be excluded in the event of an epidemic of smallpox.

VI. Prescribe the sum, on payment of which persons of the required age, resident on territory, the jurisdiction of which has been ceded to the United States, included in or surrounded by the town may attend school in the town.

VII. Determine what description of scholars shall attend each school, classify them, and transfer them from school to school where more than one school is kept at the same time.

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Approved March 25, 1929.

Chapter 140.

An Act Relating to the Appropriation for the Abolishment of Grade Crossings.

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

R. S., c. 24, sec. 37; P. L., 1921, c. 52; relating to limit of appropriation, further amended. Section thirty-seven of chapter twenty-four of the revised statutes as amended by chapter fifty-two of the public laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-one, is hereby further amended by striking out