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Chapter 182.

AN ACT Relative to Reduction Sentence Convicts in State Prison.

Emergency Preamble. Whereas, there are many prisoners in the state prison who would now be eligible to parole but for the fact that the law relating to deduction from the term of sentence on account of observance of the rules and requirements of the prison does not appear to apply to the minimum term, and

Whereas, this condition prevents their release on parole and causes a crowded condition in the prison that is dangerous to the health and discipline of the inmates, and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature these facts create an emergency within the meaning of section 16 of Article XXXI of the constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, now, therefore,

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

R. S., c. 152, § 20, amended. Section 20 of chapter 152 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 20. Warden shall keep a record of each convict's conduct, and recommend a deduction of sentence. He shall keep a record of the conduct of each convict, and for every month, during which it thereby appears that such convict has faithfully observed all the rules and requirements of the prison, the warden may ~~recommend to the executive make~~, with the approval of the commissioner, a deduction of 7 days from the minimum term of said convict's sentence, except those sentenced to imprisonment for life. The provisions of this section shall apply to the sentences of all convicts now or hereafter confined within the prison.'

Emergency Clause. In view of the emergency recited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.

Revisor's note: This section amends § 329 of chapter 1 of the public laws of 1933.

Approved March 28, 1933.

Chapter 183.

AN ACT Relating to Superintendents of Schools.

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

R. S., c. 19, § 64, as amended by P. L., 1931, c. 192, amended. Section 64 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes as amended is hereby amended to read as follows:

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'Sec. 64. First meeting to be held upon notification of state commissioner; subsequent meetings; union superintendent removed for cause; salary; tenure, etc. The superintending school committees of the towns composing a union shall form a joint committee, and for the purposes of this section and the 7 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 1 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 commissioner of education shall meet before the 1st day of July, 1918, and between April 1st and June 30th annually thereafter, at a day and place agreed upon by the chairmen 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 commissioner of education, 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, subject to the conditions hereinafter provided, choose by ballot a superintendent of schools for a term of not more than 5 years and the term for which a superintendent is elected shall, in all cases, end on the 30th day of June of the year in which the contract expires, provided, however, that said committee, by a majority 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. The election of a superintendent of schools, as herein provided, shall not be effective unless said election shall be approved by the superintending school committee of the town in the said union having a majority of the ~~schools~~ teachers in the towns comprising the union and by the superintending school committee of the town paying not less than $\frac{1}{2}$ of the salary aforesaid exclusive of any sums paid by the state for the purpose.'

Approved March 28, 1933.