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warden in whose district said crop or orchard is being damaged. Any person who claims a damage to growing crops or orchard by deer or other protected animals or birds shall within 3 days after he discovers such damage is being done report the same in writing to the commissioner or to the deputy inland fish and game warden in whose district said crop or orchard is being damaged.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 38, § 61, further amended. Section 61 of chapter 38 of the revised statutes, is hereby further amended by adding at the end thereof the following paragraph:

'Any person who suffers property damage caused by deer or moose, other than damage to cultivated crops or orchards, shall within 12 hours thereafter report the same in writing to the commissioner or to the deputy inland fish and game warden in whose district said damage occurred. Upon satisfactory proof of the damage and extent thereof, the same shall be paid as in the case of damage to growing crops. Provided, however, that no damage shall be paid if said damage is not reported as required above.'

Approved February 25, 1937.

Chapter 4

AN ACT Relating to the Regrouping of School Unions.

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

R. S., c. 19, § 62, amended. Section 62 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes as amended by paragraph 1 of section 1 of chapter 188 of the public laws of 1917; by chapter 219 of the public laws of 1933; and by chapter 145 of the public laws of 1935, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 62. Towns may be combined into unions for supervision; exceptions; appeal. It shall be the duty of the commissioner of education and the committee of 3 hereinafter named, on or before the 1st day of July, ~~1938~~, 1940 to regroup all the towns in the state, except as herein provided, into unions for the purpose of employing superintendents of schools. Such supervisory unions as shall have been formed on (June 30, 1933) may be dissolved by the commissioner of education for the purpose of a more advantageous combination. ~~During the 1st 3 years after June 30, 1933,~~ Regroupings shall be made only when vacancies occur, by death, resignation or failure of re-election. Whenever such regroupings are made, the commissioner of education shall have authority to re-allocate any town or towns in the unions affected to unions already organized. All existing con-

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tracts shall remain binding but no contract shall be renewed or made terminating later than June 30, ~~1938~~. 1940 excepting that in case of unions already regrouped or not subject to further regrouping the term of the election of a superintendent may be made for a period not exceeding 5 years. A committee of 3, who shall act with the commissioner in the matter of regrouping shall be appointed by the governor and council. Said committee shall serve until July 1, ~~1938~~. 1940. The necessary travel expense of said committee shall be paid by the state and there is hereby appropriated for this purpose a sum not exceeding \$300. Provided, however, that any superintending school committee of a town dissatisfied with the combination proposed by the commissioner of education and the committee to include that town may appeal to the governor and council who shall make the final decision relative thereto. The unions formed under the provisions of sections 62 to 73 shall be effective July 1, ~~1938~~. 1940. Whenever, upon the representation of the superintending school committee of any town, it shall appear to the commissioner of education to be to the advantage of said town and of the state to change the combination of towns composing the union of which said town is a part, the commissioner of education shall have authority to direct the dissolution and organization of unions so that a more advantageous combination may be effected. Provided, however, that any superintending school committee of a town dissatisfied with the change in the combination proposed by the commissioner of education to include that town may appeal to the governor and council, who shall make the final decision relative thereto.'

Approved February 25, 1937.

Chapter 5

AN ACT Relating to Complaint in Cases of Neglect to Children.

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

P. L., 1933, c. 1, § 204, amended. Section 204 of chapter 1 of the public laws of 1933 is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 204. Warrants to be issued on complaint of cases of neglect to children; child may be given into custody of individual or child welfare institution; court may direct municipal board to care for child pending hearing. When complaint in writing signed by an agent of the department, sheriff, county probation officer, police officer, member of a municipal board or by 3 or more citizens of any town or city is made under oath to the probate court of the county or the municipal court hav-