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jail, reformatory, or other state institution shall not change during such period of service, confinement or imprisonment, but his settlement shall remain as it was at the time of the beginning of such service, confinement or imprisonment.'

Approved March 8, 1939.

Chapter 46

AN ACT Relating to the All Maine Fair Association.

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

R. S., c. 39, § 22, amended. Section 22 of chapter 39 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 22. Election of officers. The ~~Maine state agricultural society~~ All Maine Fair Association, at its annual meeting, shall elect, by ballot, a president, secretary, treasurer, trustees, and other necessary officers.'

Approved March 8, 1939.

Chapter 47

AN ACT Relating to Apportionment of School Equalization Fund.

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

R. S., c. 19, § 210, ¶ V, amended. Paragraph V of section 210 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes, is hereby amended to read as follows:

'V. Such amount of the school equalization fund not apportioned as provided for by the 4 preceding paragraphs shall be apportioned to towns wherein a rate of taxation considerably in excess of the average rate for the state fails to produce a school revenue sufficient to secure a reasonable standard of educational efficiency; provided, that the rate of taxation hereinbefore named shall be reckoned on the basis of the amount or amounts actually raised by taxation by the town for the support of elementary and secondary schools for the purposes named in section 212, exclusive of any amounts received from the state, ~~provided, further, that no town shall receive an apportionment out of the school equalization fund unless its municipal tax rate for all purposes shall be in excess of a rate which is 3 mills less than the average of such rates for all the towns of the state.~~ The commissioner of education shall cause a special investigation to be made of the educational facilities of such towns and, whenever it appears

to the said commissioner that any town should receive special aid or encouragement for the purpose of raising the standard of qualifications of teachers or of increasing the length of the school year or otherwise adding to the efficiency of the schools, he shall issue to the governor and council a recommendation relative thereto, and the governor and council may draw a warrant in favor of the treasurer of said town for the payment from the equalization fund of a sum which shall be expended under the direction of the superintending school committee of said town in accordance with the recommendation as made by the said commissioner. The said commissioner may expend for the special investigation of educational facilities as herein provided a sum not to exceed \$2000 which shall be deducted from the equalization fund.'

Approved March 8, 1939.

Chapter 48

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, 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, 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. 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 contracts shall remain binding but no contract shall be renewed or made terminating later than June 30, 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 but in a union subject to regrouping such term of election shall not exceed 3 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, 1940.~~ The necessary travel expense of said committee shall be paid by the state ~~and~~