

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 15

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*House of Representatives, Jan. 23, 1917.*

*Tabled pending printing under the rules by Mr. Farrington  
of Augusta.*

*W. R. ROIX, Clerk.*

*Presented by Mr. Gannett of Augusta.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND SEVENTEEN

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AN ACT to amend chapter four hundred and sixteen of the  
Private and Special Laws of 1907 relating to the Board of  
Education in the city of Augusta.

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

Section 1. For the purpose of making needed changes in  
2 chapter four hundred and sixteen of the Private and Special  
3 Laws of 1907, entitled "An Act to Establish a Board of  
4 Education in the City of Augusta and to Provide for a Uni-  
5 form System of Schools Therein," and acts additional there-  
6 to and amendatory thereof, and revising and further amend-  
7 ing the same, said original act after the enacting clause, is

8 hereby so revised and further amended as to read as follows :

‘Section 1. The Board of Education in the City of Au-  
2 gusta shall consist of five persons, one of whom shall be a  
3 woman and one of whom shall be the mayor of said city,  
4 and all of said members, excepting said mayor, shall be  
5 appointed by said mayor, each for a term of two years after  
6 the year nineteen hundred and eighteen. No more than  
7 two of said members appointed by said mayor shall be mem-  
8 bers of the same political party. The first appointments  
9 under this act shall be so made as to take effect on the first  
10 day of January, 1918, at which time two of said members  
11 shall be appointed for the term of one year and two for  
12 the term of two years. Two members of said board shall  
13 thereafter be appointed by said mayor on the first Monday  
14 of January of each year, for the term of two years. All  
15 vacancies occurring in said board shall be filled by appoint-  
16 ments by the mayor for the unexpired term.

Sect. 2. The Board of Education, constituted as herein-  
2 before provided, shall perform all the duties and be invested  
3 with all the rights and powers of superintending school com-  
4 mittees of towns, including the right to direct the expendi-  
5 ture of all moneys appropriated for the use of schools. The  
6 board shall elect a chairman annually, and appoint some  
7 suitable person, not a member of the board, superintendent  
8 of schools, and may adopt such rules and regulations for  
9 the management of the schools and the conduct of the busi-  
10 ness of the board as are not inconsistent with the laws of

11 this state. The superintendent shall be the secretary and  
12 executive agent of the board, which shall fix his salary, to  
13 be paid from the city treasury as salaries of teachers are  
14 paid, and may remove him and appoint a successor. The  
15 members of the board shall receive no compensation for  
16 their services as such. The members appointed by the  
17 mayor shall not be members of the city council.

Sect. 3. Said Board of Education shall submit on the third  
2 Monday of January of each year a report of the affairs  
3 and condition of the city schools for the year ending on the  
4 thirty-first day of December next preceding, together with  
5 an estimate of the amount needed for school purposes for  
6 the then current year to the city council of said city. Said  
7 city council shall raise annually for the support of the pub-  
8 lic schools in said city, such sum, not less than the amount  
9 required by the general laws of the state, as it may deem  
10 necessary for that purpose, which amount shall be included  
11 with and assessed like other city taxes. Except as herein  
12 otherwise provided, the powers and duties of said city coun-  
13 cil with respect to public schools shall be the same as those  
14 conferred by law on the inhabitants and municipal officers  
15 of towns, including the power to borrow money for the  
16 erection of school houses.

Sect. 4. This act shall be submitted for acceptance to the  
2 qualified voters of said City of Augusta, at an election to be  
3 specially called for the purpose and held on the second  
4 Monday of September, in the year of our Lord one thou-

5 sand nine hundred and seventeen, said election to be called,  
6 advertised, held and conducted as provided by law relating  
7 to municipal elections in said city. The question of the  
8 acceptance of this act shall be submitted to the electors in  
9 the following form. "Shall 'An Act to Amend Chapter Four  
10 Hundred and Sixteen of the Private and Special Laws of  
11 1907 Relating to the Board of Education in the City of  
12 Augusta,' be accepted?" The city clerk shall prepare the  
13 ballots to be used at said election in such form that the  
14 elector may plainly indicate by a cross placed over the word  
15 "Yes," or "No," his opinion upon said question. Should  
16 the question receive more affirmative than negative votes at  
17 said election, this act shall be deemed to have been accepted.  
18 The result of said election shall be declared by the municipal  
19 officers of said city, and duly certified by the city clerk to  
20 the secretary of state. A printed copy of the provisions  
21 of this act shall be posted at the time and places specified  
22 by law for posting notices of such election, and in at least  
23 two conspicuous places in each voting place during said  
24 election.

Sect. 5. In case this act is accepted as provided in the  
2 preceding section, the terms of office of all members of the  
3 then existing Augusta Board of Education and all officers  
4 or agents connected therewith shall cease on the thirty-first  
5 day of December, in the year of our Lord, one thousand  
6 nine hundred and seventeen.

Sect. 6. Upon the acceptance of this act, as hereinbefore

2 provided, all acts and parts of acts, public or private, and  
3 all ordinances of the City of Augusta, inconsistent with the  
4 provisions of this act shall be inoperative and deemed to  
5 have been repealed so far as relates to the City of Augusta.'