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#### Chapter 206.

An Act to provide for the election of a School Committee and Superintendent of schools for the town of Farmington.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

Town, authorized to elect school committee.

SECT. 1. The town of Farmington may at any annual municipal election, held in said town, elect, at the option of said town instead of the superintending school committee or supervisor of schools as authorized by law, either a school committee of five persons, or a committee of three and said committee of three shall elect two more to constitute a school committee of five persons, all of whom shall be residents of said town; said school committee at their first meeting shall designate by lot two of their number to hold office for one year, two to hold office for two years and one to hold office for three years, or until others are elected and qualified in their stead and certify such designation to the town clerk, to be by him recorded; and thereafter, at each annual municipal election in said town, a person shall be elected to fill the place of each one whose term expires, who shall serve three years. No person engaged in teaching in the public schools of said town shall be a member of said Immediately upon the election and qualification of the committee herein provided for, the term of office of the committee then existing in said town shall cease.

-tenure.

-qualification

Vacancies,

SECT. 2. Whenever a vacancy shall occur in said board otherwise than by reason of the expiration of the term of service, the remaining members shall elect by ballot a person to fill such vacancy, and certify such election to the clerk of said town. Such person shall hold office until the next annual election of municipal officers, when the unexpired term, if any, shall be filled by a person chosen at such election.

Members, shall be sworn. SECT. 3. Before entering upon the duties of their office, the members of said committee shall be duly sworn. They shall meet as soon as may be after their election and organize by the election of a chairman and secretary; which election shall be duly certified to the clerk of said town. The secretary may be one of their own number, or the superintendent of schools elected by said committee, as hereinafter provided. They may appoint such sub-committees, and make such rules

and regulations for the government of the board, and the better to facilitate its work, as may be deemed best. majority of the board shall constitute a quorum for the trans- \_quorum. action of business; but in case of vacancies in said board, a majority of the members remaining in office may fill such vacancies in the manner provided in section two of this act. Said committee shall exercise all the powers and perform all -powers and duties. the duties which are now conferred and imposed upon the superintending school committee by the laws of this state; shall have and exercise the exclusive right to employ teachers for the several school districts in the town and shall perform all the duties relating to the care and management of the public schools and school property of said town, that are now legally conferred upon the superintending school committee and school agents, except as otherwise provided in Said committee shall receive no compensation for their services except by vote of said town, and the total amount of such compensation for any one year shall not exceed fifty dollars.

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-compensation.

Committee shall elect annually a superintendent.

- Said committee shall annually, and whenever SECT. 4. there is a vacancy, elect a superintendent of schools who shall be duly sworn, and shall be under the direction of and be responsible to said committee and shall exercise such of their powers as they may from time to time confer upon him. They shall determine his compensation and term of service and may at any time dismiss him, if they deem it proper or And such dismissal will deprive him of further compensation. His compensation shall not be increased or diminished during the term for which he was elected. fact of the election of a superintendent and his compensation shall be duly certified to the clerk of said town. In the case of the election of one of their own number as superintendent, he shall thereby cease to be a member of the committee and the vacancy shall be filled as hereinafter provided.
- SECT. 5. A suitable and convenient room shall be fur- Room shall be nished by the town for the superintendent's office and the superintendent. meetings of said committee wherein shall be kept their records, open to the inspection of citizens of the town.
- Said committee shall annually, before the spring Committee, shall turnsh municipal election, furnish to the selectmen of the town an estimate of estimate in detail of the several sums required, during the and amount ensuing municipal year, for the support of public schools in

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said town, and the expenditures shall not be increased beyond the amount appropriated therefor.

Inconsistent acts, repealed.

SECT. 7. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions herein contained, are, as far as the town of Farmington is concerned, hereby repealed.

Members of superintending school committee, empowered to elect a school committee. SECT. 8. When this act shall take effect, the members of the superintending school committee of the town of Farmington, shall become a committee of three persons empowered to elect two more to constitute a school committee of five persons as heretofore provided in section one, having all the powers and duties as provided in the toregoing sections.

Doings of town, made valid.

SECT. 9. The acts and doings of the town of Farmington in their town meeting of March second, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, relating to the approval of this act in full, and in relation to the vote passed at said meeting to have this enactment, on becoming a law, go into effect as heretofore provided in section eight, are hereby legalized and made valid, notwithstanding an omission to provide for such acts and doings in the warrant for said municipal meeting.

SECT. 10. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 12, 1891.

#### Chapter 207.

An Act to divide the town of Jonesborough and incorporate the town of Roque Bluffs.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

Town divided.

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-corporate limits.

SECT. 1. All that part of the town of Jonesborough lying easterly of the main channel of Chandler's river and southerly and easterly of a line beginning on the westerly line of lot number six according to plan and survey of Benjamin R. Jones of the original township of Jonesborough at Steep-Creek, so called, which is the easterly branch of Tide Mill creek, and running northerly by the westerly line of said lot number six to the north-west corner thereof, thence easterly by the northerly line thereof to the north-east corner thereof, thence southerly by the easterly line thereof to the north-westerly corner of lot number two in the third range east of Chandler's river, thence easterly by the northerly line of last named lot to the north-easterly corner thereof, thence north-