

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FORTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 82.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SIXTY-NINE.

AN ACT for the establishment of county supervisorships
for schools.

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

SECTION 1. The governor and council shall appoint
2 for each county, on the recommendation of the state
3 superintendent of common schools, one person as
4 county supervisor of public schools for each county,
5 whose term of office shall continue three years, unless
6 he be sooner removed by the governor.

SECT. 2. It shall be the duty of the county super-
2 visor to visit the schools of his county as often as
3 practicable, to note at such visits in a book provided
4 for the purpose, to be designated the "Supervisor's
5 Visiting Book," the condition of the school build-
6 ings and out-houses, the efficiency of the teachers,

7 the method of instruction, the branches taught, the
8 text-books and apparatus used, and the discipline,
9 government and general condition of each school. He
10 shall give each such directions in the science, art, and
11 methods of teaching as he may deem expedient, shall
12 distribute promptly all reports, forms, laws, circulars
13 and instructions which he may receive from and in
14 accordance with the direction of the state superinten-
15 dent, and in general shall act as the official advisor
16 and constant assistant of the school officers and teach-
17 ers in his county.

SECT. 3. He shall assist the state superintendent in
2 the organization and management of county institutes,
3 and labor in every practicable way to elevate the
4 standard of teaching and improve the condition of
5 public schools in his county, by organizing town and
6 county associations of teachers, and by personal efforts
7 with pupils, school committees, teachers and parents.

SECT. 4. No county supervisor shall act as agent
2 for any author, publisher or bookseller, nor directly or
3 indirectly receive any gift, emolument or reward for
4 his influence in recommending, or procuring the use
5 of any book, school apparatus or furniture of any
6 kind whatever in any public school in the state; and
7 any one who shall violate this provision shall be re-
8 moved from office, and shall further forfeit all moneys

9 due him from the state for salary and travelling
10 expenses.

SECT. 5. The state superintendent and the county
2 supervisors shall constitute a state board of education,
3 of which the state superintendent shall be *ex officio*
4 secretary, and said board shall hold a session at the
5 capital of the state at least once a year during the
6 session of the legislature, for the purpose of conferring
7 with the legislative educational committee on matters
8 pertaining to the common schools of the state, and to
9 mature plans of operations for the following year, and
10 in general to devise ways and means to promote and
11 elevate the public schools of the state.

SECT. 6. The county supervisor shall receive three
2 dollars per diem for service actually performed in the
3 discharge of his duties, and also reimbursement for
4 travelling expenses necessarily and actually incurred ;
5 said services and travelling expenses to appear in his
6 "working report," rendered quarterly to the state
7 superintendent for his inspection, and thence transmit-
8 ted to the governor and council for their examination
9 and approval ; *provided*, that the total annual expense
10 for county supervisorships shall not exceed the sum of
11 sixteen thousand dollars.

SECT. 7. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
March 1, 1869. }

Reported by Mr. STONE, from the Committee on Education,
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S. J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*