

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FORTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

No. 56.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVENTY.

AN ACT to amend sections one and three, chapter eleven, of the revised statutes.

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

SECTION 1. Section one, chapter eleven, of the revised statutes, is hereby amended so as to read as follows :

4 *Sect. 1.* A town at its annual meeting, or at a
5 meeting called for that purpose, may determine the
6 number and limits of the school districts therein, but
7 they shall not be altered, discontinued or annexed to
8 others, except on the written recommendation of the
9 municipal officers and superintending school com-
10 mittee, accompanied by a statement of facts, and on

11 conditions proper to preserve the rights and obligations
12 of the inhabitants.

SECT. 2. Section three is hereby repealed and the
2 following section substituted therefor :

3 *Sect. 3.* A town may abolish the school districts
4 therein, and shall thereupon forthwith take possession
5 of all the school-houses, land, apparatus and other
6 property owned and used for school purposes which
7 districts might lawfully sell and convey. The prop-
8 erty so taken shall be appraised under the direction of
9 the town, and at the next annual assessment thereafter
10 a tax shall be levied upon the whole town equal to the
11 whole amount of said appraisal ; and there shall be
12 remitted to the tax payers of each district the said
13 appraised value of its property thus taken, or the dif-
14 ference in the value of the property of the several
15 districts may be adjusted in any other manner agreed
16 upon by the parties in interest. Upon the abolition
17 or discontinuance of any district, its corporate powers
18 and liabilities shall continue and remain so far as may
19 be necessary for the enforcement of its rights and
20 duties.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, March 10, 1870.

Reported from the Committee on Education, by Mr. FRENCH
of Franklin, and printed under the Joint Rule.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary.*