

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTIETH LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

No. 39.

MINORITY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The undersigned, of the Committee on Education, to which was referred the order of the Legislature relating to the school laws of 1870, not concurring in the report of the majority of said Committee, respectfully asks leave to report the accompanying bill, as the minority report of said Committee.

SAMUEL E. SMITH.



STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend chapter eleven of the revised statutes.

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

SECTION 1. Section ten of chapter eleven of the
2 revised statutes is amended, by adding thereto these
3 words, "and may invest such committee or supervisor
4 with all the rights, powers and obligations of school
5 agents, including the power of employing teachers, and
6 expending money raised for school purposes," so that
7 said section as amended shall read as follows :

8 *Sect. 10.* Every town shall choose by ballot at its
9 annual meeting, a superintending school committee of
10 three, unless already done, to hold office as provided
11 in section fifty-three, and shall fill vacancies arising
12 therein at each subsequent annual meeting, or shall,
13 in the same manner, choose a supervisor of schools,
14 who shall have the power and perform the duties,

15 which are now or may hereafter be required of the
16 committee aforesaid ; and his election shall terminate
17 the office of any and all existing members of such
18 committee, and may invest such committee or super-
19 visor with all the rights, powers, and obligations of
20 school agents, including the power of employing teach-
21 ers, and expending money raised for school purposes.

SECT. 2. The fifth item of section twenty-four of
2 said chapter is amended, by inserting the words
3 "school agent," so that said item as amended shall
4 read as follows :

5 *Fifth*—To instruct the school agent, or the superin-
6 tending school committee or supervisor, at what time
7 the school shall commence, if they find it practicable.

SECT. 3. Section thirty-six of said chapter is
2 amended so as to read as follows :

3 *Sect. 36.* A school district, at a legal meeting, may
4 determine what proportion of their school money shall
5 be expended for the support of a summer school ; and
6 their agent, or the superintending school committee,
7 or supervisor, if such committee, or supervisor shall be
8 invested with the power, shall expend it accordingly
9 practicable.

SECT. 4. The first item of section fifty-four of said
2 chapter is amended, by striking out all after the word

3 county in the sixth line, so that said item as amended
4 shall read as follows :

5 *First*—They shall appoint suitable times and places
6 for the examination of candidates proposing to teach
7 in town, and give notice thereof by posting the same
8 in two or more public places within the town at least
9 three weeks before the time of said examination, or
10 the publication for a like length of time of said notice
11 in one or more of the newspapers having the largest
12 circulation in the county.

SECT. 5. The second item of section sixty of said
2 chapter, is amended, so as to read as follows :

3 *Second*—To employ teachers, to provide fuel and
4 utensils necessary for the school, and make repairs
5 upon the school-houses and out-buildings, and procure
6 insurance of the same, if the district so direct ; but no
7 more than one-tenth of the money apportioned to the
8 district shall be expended for such repairs in one year,
9 exclusive of fuel and insurance ; and he shall, before
10 the commencement of a term of school, give written
11 notice to some member of the superintending school
12 committee, or supervisor, when it is to commence,
13 whether to be kept by a master, or mistress, and how
14 long it is expected to continue, seven days, at least,
15 before the commencement ; and in the absence of any

16 agreement to the contrary, five and one-half days shall
17 constitute the school week, and four weeks shall con-
18 stitute the school month.

SECT. 6. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 10, 1871.

Submitted by Mr. SMITH of Lincoln, and on his motion, laid
on the table and ordered to be printed.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary.*