

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# FIFTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE.

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SENATE.

No. 26.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT establishing county boards of education and relating to the election of county supervisors.

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

SECTION 1. The county supervisor and the superintending school committee and supervisors of towns and plantations in each county shall constitute a county board of education, of which the county supervisor shall be ex officio secretary. Such county board shall hold its first meeting for the election of officers at such time between the first of August and the first of December next, and at such place within the county, as the county supervisor shall designate ; or if there be a vacancy in the office of county supervisor in any county, then such meeting shall be held at such time

12 in said months, and at such place within the county,  
13 as shall be designated by the state superintendent,  
14 who shall also appoint some person to call said meet-  
15 ing to order and preside during the election of presi-  
16 dent.

SECT. 2. The officers of each county board in addi-  
2 tion to the secretary, shall consist of a president and  
3 managing committee of three, who shall be elected  
4 annually by written ballot, by a majority of the votes  
5 of the members present at the annual meeting and vot-  
6 ing therefor, and shall continue in office one year, or  
7 until others are chosen in their stead. The first an-  
8 nual meeting for the choice of officers shall be held as  
9 provided in section one of this act, and all subsequent  
10 ones at such times between the first of August and the  
11 first of December in each year, and at such place  
12 within the county, as each board shall determine at  
13 its previous annual meeting.

SECT. 3. Whenever the term of office of any county  
2 supervisor shall expire by limitation, or a vacancy  
3 shall occur in such office in any county for any cause  
4 whatever, the governor and council shall fill said office  
5 provisionally by appointment in the same manner pro-  
6 vided in section seventy-five of chapter eleven of the  
7 revised statutes, the term of office of such person so  
8 appointed to expire on the last day of December fol-

9 lowing his appointment, when a county supervisor,  
10 elected by such county board in the same way as is  
11 provided in section two of this act for the election of  
12 president and managing committee, shall fill such  
13 office for one year, the term of office of all succeeding  
14 county supervisors.

SECT. 4 The county boards of education shall hold  
2 a session of five days each year some time between the  
3 first days of August and December at such places in  
4 their respective counties and at such times as the  
5 managing committee shall appoint, for the purpose of  
6 devising ways and means for the improvement and  
7 elevation of the public schools and securing the co-  
8 operation of the people in advancing the cause of  
9 public education.

SECT. 5. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent  
2 with this act are hereby repealed.

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

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE, February 3, 1872.

Reported from Committee on Education, by Mr. FARRINGTON of Oxford, and laid over to be printed under the Joint Rule.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary.*