

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

No. 12.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to provide for the better supervision of common schools.

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

SECTION 1. Every town shall annually elect by
2 ballot a supervisor of schools, and his election shall
3 terminate the office of any and all existing members
4 of school committees previously elected.

SECT. 2. The state superintendent and town super-
2 visors shall constitute a board of education, of which
3 the state superintendent shall be *ex officio* secretary.

SECT. 3. Aside from the duties already imposed by
2 law, town supervisors shall annually hold, during the
3 months of May and November, town institutes, the
4 duration of which shall not exceed two days, with the

5 view of disseminating the best methods of instructing
6 and governing schools, and for the examination of
7 teachers, of which suitable notice shall be given to
8 teachers and all persons proposing to be such.

SECT. 4. There shall annually be held by the state
2 superintendent or some suitable person designated by
3 him in each county, a supervisors' and teachers' insti-
4 tute to continue at least three days, due notice of
5 which shall be given to supervisors whose duty it shall
6 be to attend ; and an invitation extended to teachers,
7 and persons desiring to teach, to be present.

SECT. 5. To defray the expenses of these institutes
2 three thousand dollars shall annually be appropriated,
3 to be expended by the state superintendent, who shall
4 render an account thereof to the governor and council,
5 to be examined and audited by them

SECT. 6. Sections eighty-one and eighty-two of
2 chapter eleven of the revised statutes are hereby re-
3 pealed.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, January 24, 1873.

Presented by Mr. FARRINGTON of Oxford, and on his motion
laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

SAMUEL W. LANE, *Secretary.*