

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 7.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT relating to the schools in the city of Portland.

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

SECTION 1: The school committee of the city of
2 Portland shall consist of the mayor of said city, who
3 who shall be ex officio chairman of the committee, and
4 of seven other persons, one of whom shall be elected
5 in each ward at the annual election for municipal offi-
6 cers, A. D. eighteen hundred and seventy-five, in the
7 same manner that aldermen now are, and such person
8 shall be a resident of the ward in which he is elected.

SECT. 2. At the first annual meeting said committee
2 shall designate by lot those of their number who shall
3 hold office for one year, and four of their number who
4 shall hold office for two years, and certify such desig-
5 nation to the clerk of said city to be by him recorded ;

6 and thereafter at each annual municipal election in said
7 city a person shall be elected to fill the place of each one
8 whose term expires from the same ward as that of the
9 member going out, in the same manner as hereinbefore
10 provided, and hold office for two years. Whenever a
11 vacancy shall occur in said board, the remaining mem-
12 bers shall give immediate notice in writing of the fact
13 to said city clerk, and the city council of said city
14 shall thereupon in joint convention proceed to fill such
15 vacancy by ballot, and the person residing in the ward
16 in which the vacancy occurred receiving a majority of
17 ballots of persons entitled to vote at such election,
18 shall be declared elected, and hold office till the next
19 annual spring election, when the unexpired term, if
20 any, shall be filled by the election of a person from
21 the ward where the vacancy occurred. The members
22 of said committee, duly elected, shall meet and organ-
23 ize on the second Monday in March, or as soon there-
24 after as may be, at such time and place as the mayor
25 shall appoint. A majority of the board shall constitute
26 a quorum for the transaction of business.

SECT. 3. The said committee shall have all the
2 power and perform all the duties in regard to the care
3 and management of the public schools of said city
4 which are now conferred and imposed upon superin-

5 tending school committees by the laws of this state,
6 except as otherwise provided in this act. They shall
7 annually and whenever there is a vacancy, elect a
8 superintendent of schools for the current municipal
9 year, who shall have the care and supervision of said
10 public schools under their direction, and act as secre-
11 tary of their board; they shall fix his salary at the
12 time of his election, which shall not be increased dur-
13 ing the year for which he is elected, except by con-
14 sent of said city council, and may at any time dismiss
15 him if they deem it proper and expedient. They shall
16 annually, as soon after the organization of their board
17 as practicable, furnish to said city council an estimate
18 in detail of the several sums required during the ensuing
19 municipal year for the support of said public schools,
20 and shall not increase the salaries of the superintend-
21 ent and teachers or any other expenditures beyond the
22 amounts specified therefor in such estimate, except by
23 consent of said city council. No member of the com-
24 mittee shall receive any compensation for his services.

SECT. 4. All powers, obligations and duties in re-
2 gard to said public schools, not conferred and imposed
3 upon said committee by the provisions of this act,
4 shall be and are hereby vested in the city council of
5 said city.

SECT. 5. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with
the provisions herein contained as far as the city of
Portland is concerned, are hereby repealed.

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

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
January 25, 1875. }

Reported from the Committee on the Judiciary, by Mr.
CLEAVES, and on his motion ordered printed.

S. J. CHADBOURNE, *Clerk.*