

FIFTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 33.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend section three of chapter eleven of the revised statutes, relating to the abolishing of school districts.

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

SECTION 1. Section three of chapter eleven of the 2 revised statutes, is hereby amended by inserting in the 3 seventh line of said section after the word "appraisal" 4 the following words : "or such part thereof as the town 5 shall vote; and the remainder of said appraisal, if any 6 there be, shall be levied by tax upon the whole town at 7 the second and third annual assessments thereafter, or at 8 the second alone, as the town shall vote;" and by in-9 serting after the word "taken," in the ninth line of 10 said section, the following words : "in the same pro-

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11 portion annually as the tax therefor shall be levied," 12 so that said section as amended shall read as follows: "A town may abolish the school districts therein, and 13 14 shall thereupon forthwith take possession of all the 15 school houses, land, apparatus, and other property 16 owned and used for school purposes, which districts 17 might lawfully sell and convey. The property so taken 18 shall be appraised under the direction of the town, and 19 at the next annual assessment thereafter a tax shall be 20 levied upon the whole town equal to the whole amount 21 of said appraisal, or such part thereof as the town shall 22 vote; and the remainder of said appraisal, if any there 23 be, shall be levied by tax upon the whole town at the 24 second and third annual assessments thereafter, or at 25 the second alone, as the town shall vote; and there 26 shall be remitted to the tax payers of each district the 27 said appraised value of its property thus taken, in the 28 same proportion annually as the tax therefor shall be 29 levied, or the difference in the value of the property of 30 the several districts may be adjusted in any other man-31 ner agreed upon by the parties in interest. Upon the 32 abolition or discontinuance of any district, its corporate 33 powers and liabilities shall continue and remain, so far 34 as may be necessary for the enforcement of its rights 35 and duties."

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, February 8, 1875.

Reported from the Committee on Education, by Mr. SHEP-HERD of Skowhegan, and ordered printed under the Joint Rule.

S. J. CHADBOURNE, Clerk.