

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIFTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE.

No. 99.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to amend section thirty-one, chapter eleven of the revised statutes of eighteen hundred seventy-one.

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

Section thirty-one, chapter eleven of the revised statutes of eighteen hundred seventy-one is hereby amended by inserting after the word "schools" in the second line the words "for such a period of time as they may determine," and by inserting after the word "districts" in the tenth line the words "for said time," and by inserting after the word "voters" in the eleventh line the words "during said time, and at the expiration of said time each of said districts shall resume its district organization unless a majority of the voters in each district shall vote to continue the united district." So that said section as amended shall read as follows :

13 *Sect. 31.* Two or more school districts may unite
14 for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a sys-
15 tem of graded free schools for such a period of time as
16 they may determine, when a majority of the voters
17 present and voting at a meeting of each district, legally
18 called for the purpose, so determines ; and the clerk of
19 each district shall forthwith furnish the town clerk
20 with a certified copy of such votes, and he shall enter
21 said votes upon the town records ; and thereafter such
22 districts shall constitute one district, to be known by
23 the name that the inhabitants thereof adopt, and have all
24 the rights and powers, and be subject to all the liabilities
25 of other school districts for said time, and the town shall
26 not alter or divide it without the consent of the majority
27 of its voters during said time, and at the expiration of
28 said time each of said districts shall resume its district
29 organization unless a majority of the voters in each
30 district vote to continue the united district ; and at its
31 annual meeting it may raise money for the support of
32 its schools, in addition to what it receives from the
33 town, and not exceeding three-fifths of that sum. And
34 any school district maintaining graded schools may
35 raise money for the support of its schools as provided
36 in this section for districts composed of two or more
37 districts.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
January 31, 1877. }

Reported from the Committee on Education by Mr. STOVER of Harpswell, and
ordered printed under the Joint Rule.

ORAMANDAL SMITH, *Clerk.*