

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Second Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 101.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to secure a more efficient and economical Supervision of Schools.

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

SECTION 1. The office of school supervisor is
2 hereby abolished. Towns of two thousand or
3 more inhabitants, which elected supervisors at
4 their last annual meetings, shall choose at their
5 annual meetings, in eighteen hundred eighty-seven,
6 a superintending school committee of six persons,
7 the term of office of two of whom shall be three
8 years, of two, two years, and of the remaining
9 two, one year, and thereafter two shall be elected
10 annually for a term of three years. Towns of
11 two thousand or more inhabitants, now having

12 superintending school committees, shall choose at
13 their annual meetings, in eighteen hundred eighty-
14 seven, two persons for a term of three years, one
15 for two years, and one for one year, as superin-
16 tending school committee, in addition to those
17 holding office, and thereafter shall elect two an-
18 nually for a term of three years. Committees
19 shall fill all vacancies in their number until the
20 next annual town meeting. A majority constitutes
21 a quorum. They are invested with the rights,
22 powers and obligations now pertaining to school
23 agents as well as to superintending school com-
24 mittees, including the power and duty of deter-
25 mining the age at which scholars may be admitted
26 into the respective schools, of transferring scholars
27 from one school to another, of expending the
28 money raised or received by the town for support-
29 ing schools and defraying the contingent expenses
30 thereof, and such other powers as may be neces-
31 sary in managing the business committed to them.
32 They shall have no pay for their services.

SECT. 2. Superintending school committees shall
2 choose, annually, some discreet person, who may
3 or may not be one of their number, a school
4 superintendent who shall examine the schools and
5 inquire into the regulations and discipline thereof,

6 and the proficiency of the scholars, for which pur-
7 pose he shall visit each school at least twice in
8 each term, and at the annual town meeting shall
9 make a written report of the condition of the
10 schools for the past year, the proficiency made by
11 the pupils, and the success attending the mode of
12 instruction and government thereof, and transmit
13 a copy to the Superintendent of Common Schools.
14 He shall also perform all the duties required in
15 section eighty-eight of chapter eleven of the Re-
16 vised Statutes, under their direction and control,
17 with such other duties as said committee shall im-
18 pose upon him as the executive officer of the
19 board, and shall be paid for his services such sum
20 as the committee may vote, not to exceed two
21 dollars per day, and traveling expenses, unless
22 otherwise ordered by the town.

SECT. 3. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent
2 with the provisions of this act are hereby re-
3 pealed.

SECT. 4. This act shall take effect the first day
2 of March, eighteen hundred eighty-seven.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE CHAMBER, }
February 19, 1885. }

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C. W. TILDEN, *Secretary.*