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# Sixty-Fifth Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 84.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to provide for the election of a School Com-  
mittee and Superintendent of Schools for the town of  
Skowhegan.

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

SECTION. 1. The town of Skowhegan may at any annual  
2 municipal election hereafter, to be held in said town, elect,  
3 at the option of said town, instead of the superintending  
4 school committee or supervisor of schools authorized by  
5 law, a school committee of five persons, all of whom shall  
6 be residents of said town ; two of their number shall be  
7 elected to serve one year, two to serve two years, and one  
8 to serve three years, or until others are elected and quali-

9 fied in their stead ; and thereafter, at each annual municipi-  
10 pal election in said town, a person shall be elected to fill  
11 the place of each one whose term expires, who shall serve  
12 three years. No person engaged in teaching in the public  
13 schools of said town shall be a member of said committee.  
14 Immediately upon the election and qualification of the  
15 committee herein provided for, the term of office of the  
16 committee then existing in said town shall cease.

SECT. 2. Whenever a vacancy shall occur in said  
2 board, otherwise than by reason of the expiration of the  
3 term of service, the remaining members shall elect by  
4 ballot a person to fill such vacancy, and certify such elec-  
5 tion to the clerk of said town. Such person shall hold  
6 office until the next annual election of municipal officers,  
7 when the unexpired term, if any, shall be filled by a person  
8 chosen at such election.

SECT. 3. Before entering upon the duties of their office,  
2 the members of said committee shall be duly sworn.  
3 They shall meet as soon as may be after their election,  
4 and organize by the election of a chairman and a secre-  
5 tary ; which election shall be duly certified to the clerk  
6 of said town. The secretary may be one of their own  
7 number, or the superintendent of schools elected by said  
8 committee, as hereinafter provided. They may appoint  
9 such sub-committees, and make such rules and regulations  
10 for the government of the board, and the better to facili-  
11 tate its work, as may be deemed best. A majority of the  
12 board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of  
13 business ; but in case of vacancies occurring in said board,  
14 a majority of the members remaining in office may fill  
15 such vacancies, in the manner provided in section two of

16 this act. Said committee shall exercise all the powers  
17 and perform all the duties, in regard to the care and man-  
18 agement of the public schools and the school property of  
19 said town, which are now conferred and imposed upon  
20 superintending school committees and school agents by  
21 the laws of this State, except as otherwise provided in  
22 this act. Said committee shall receive no compensation  
23 for their services.

SECT. 4. Said committee shall annually, and whenever  
2 there is a vacancy, elect a superintendent of schools, who  
3 shall be duly sworn, and shall act under the direction of  
4 and be responsible to said committee, and shall exercise  
5 such of their powers as they may from time to time confer  
6 upon him. They shall determine his compensation and  
7 term of service, and may at any time dismiss him, if they  
8 deem it proper or expedient. His compensation shall not  
9 be increased or diminished during the term for which he  
10 was elected. The fact of the election of a superintendent  
11 and his compensation shall be duly certified to the clerk  
12 of said town. In the case of the election of one of their  
13 own number as superintendent, he shall thereby cease to  
14 be a member of the committee, and the vacancy shall be  
15 filled as hereinbefore provided.

SECT. 5. A suitable and convenient room shall be fur-  
2 nished by the town for the superintendent's office and the  
3 meetings of said committee, wherein shall be kept their  
4 records, open to the inspection of citizens of the town.

SECT. 6. Said committee shall annually, before the  
2 spring municipal election, furnish to the selectmen of the  
3 town an estimate in detail of the several sums required,  
4 during the ensuing municipal year, for the support of pub-

5 lic schools in said town, and the expenditures shall not be  
6 increased beyond the amount appropriated therefor.

SECT. 7. All acts and parts of acts, inconsistent with  
2 the provisions herein contained, are, as far as the town of  
3 Skowhegan is concerned, hereby repealed.

SECT. 8. This act shall take effect when approved.

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives in  
Legislature assembled :*

We, the undersigned, citizens of the town of Skowhegan, respectfully request the passage of the annexed bill, entitled "An Act to provide for the election of a School Committee and Superintendent of Schools for the town of Skowhegan."

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STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
February 12, 1891.

Reported by Mr. SHAW of Bath, from Committee on Education, and  
ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*