

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Sixth Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 79.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to provide for the election of School Committee
and a Superintendent of Schools in the City of Belfast.

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

SECTION 1. At the annual municipal election in the city
2 of Belfast, next after the passage of this act, and its
3 acceptance by the city council of the city of Belfast, the
4 qualified voters in each ward in said city, shall, by ballot,
5 elect two inhabitants of the ward to be members of the
6 school committee. At their first meeting said committee
7 shall designate by lot, five of their number, being one
8 from each ward, who shall hold office for one year ; and
9 five, being one from each ward, who shall hold office for
10 two years. The mayor of said city shall be chairman
11 ex-officio of said committee. Thereafterwards at each

12 annual municipal election one inhabitant from each ward
13 shall be elected to hold office for two years. Said com-
14 mittee shall serve without compensation and no teacher
15 in the public schools shall be a member of said committee.
16 Vacancies occurring in said board otherwise than by
17 expiration of term of office, shall be filled by the city
18 council of said city for the remainder of said unexpired
19 term.

SECT. 2. Before entering upon the duties of their
2 office, 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 pro tem whose
5 election shall be duly certified to the clerk of said city.
6 Said committee shall exercise all the powers and perform
7 all the duties which are now conferred and imposed upon
8 superintending school committees by the laws of this
9 State. They may appoint such sub-committees, and
10 make such rules and regulations for the government of
11 the board, and the performance of its duties, as may be
12 deemed best. A majority of the board shall constitute
13 a quorum for the transaction of business.

SECT. 3. Said committee shall annually, and whenever
2 there is a vacancy, elect a superintendent of schools who
3 shall be duly sworn and shall be under the direction of
4 and be responsible to said committee, and shall exercise
5 such of their powers and duties as they may from time to
6 time confer upon him, and shall be secretary of the board.
7 They shall determine his compensation and term of ser-
8 vice, and may at any time dismiss him if they deem it
9 proper or expedient. His compensation shall not be
10 increased or diminished for the term for which he was

11 elected. The fact of the election of the superintendent
12 and his compensation shall be duly certified to the clerk
13 of said city.

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

SECT. 5. Said committee shall annually before each
2 municipal election, furnish to the city council an estimate
3 of the several sums required, during the ensuing municipal
4 year, for the support of public schools in said city, and the
5 expenditures shall not be increased beyond the amount
6 appropriated therefor.

SECT. 6. Immediately upon the election and qualifica-
2 tion of the committee herein provided for the term of office
3 of the committee then existing in said city shall cease.

SECT. 7. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this
2 act, are, as far as the city of Belfast is concerned, hereby
3 repealed.

SECT. 8. This act shall take effect when approved, and
2 accepted by the city council of the city of Belfast.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, February 22, 1893.

Reported in the House, from Committee on Education.

In Senate, laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

KENDALL M. DUNBAR, *Secretary.*