

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Sixty-Seventh Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 22.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to restore the School Districts which were abolished by chapter 216 of Public Laws of year 1893, to grant local option to towns on the question of School District System and provide for Election and the Duties of School Officers.

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

SECTION 1. The school districts in the several towns in 2 this state which were abolished by the provisions of chap- 3 ter 216 of the Public Laws in the year 1893, approved 4 March 17, 1893, which went into effect March first, 1894, 5 are hereby restored and said school districts are hereby en- 6 dowed with, and there is conferred upon them all the authority

7 and rights which they had and enjoyed before they were abol-  
8 ished,—excepting their ownership of school-houses, which  
9 now are and shall continue to be the property of the town.

SECT. 2. Towns shall keep their school-houses in good  
2 repair and build new school-houses where needed and keep  
3 the same well furnished and may by vote at the annual  
4 town meeting divide the town into school districts or  
5 change districts and redistrict the town once in every period  
6 of ten years.

SECT. 3. Section seven of said chapter 216 Public  
2 Laws of 1893 is hereby repealed.

SECT. 4. Every town at their annual town meeting  
2 shall choose by ballot a supervisor of schools or superin-  
3 tending school committee of three, one for one year, one  
4 for two years and one for three years, and shall fill vacan-  
5 cies arising in the board by expiration of term of service,  
6 at each subsequent annual town meeting by electing a  
7 member to fill the place of the one whose term expires,  
8 who shall hold office for a term of three years; all vacan-  
9 cies in their number during the year to be filled by  
10 appointment by the selectmen till the annual town meeting.

SECT. 5. Towns in which the districts have been abol-  
2 ished by vote of the town shall constitute one school dis-  
3 trict, and every school district shall in the month of March  
4 or April annually choose by ballot a school agent who  
5 shall be the agent of the town for school purposes and  
6 shall in like manner choose a clerk for the district.

SECT. 6. The duties of school agents shall be to take  
2 care of the school-houses and other school property ; to  
3 provide fuel, have the care and custody of school books  
4 and may expend not more than ten dollars in repairs and  
5 furniture for each school at the expense of the town and  
6 shall take the enumeration of scholars in their respective  
7 districts ; and report to the supervisor or to chairman of  
8 superintending school committee ; they shall also employ  
9 all teachers for the schools in their respective districts,  
10 each hiring of school teachers to be in writing signed by  
11 the agent and by the teacher which shall not be valid till  
12 countersigned by the supervisor or chairman of superin-  
13 tending school committee.

SECT. 7. The compensation of supervisor and of each  
2 superintending school committee shall be at the rate of one  
3 dollar and fifty cents per day.

STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
January 23, 1895. }

Tabled, pending reference to Committee on Education, by Mr. BARRETT of Canaan, and ordered printed.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*