

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 55

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND NINE.

AN ACT to amend Section 24 of Chapter 242 of the Private
and Special Laws of 1895.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Section 24 of Chapter 242 of the Private and Special Laws
2 of 1895, is hereby amended by striking out therefrom the
3 word "now" in the twelfth line thereof, so that said section
4 as amended, shall read as follows:

Sect. 24. The members of the school committee first
6 elected under the provisions of this charter, at their first
7 meeting shall designate by lot, three of their number to
8 hold office for three years, three for two years, and one for
9 one year, and shall allot one member to represent each of
10 said seven wards. Each member elected thereafter to fill

11 the place of one whose term expires, shall hold office three
12 years. They shall fill all vacancies in their number until the
13 next annual election. A majority of the board shall consti-
14 tute a quorum for the transaction of business. They shall
15 have all the powers and perform all the duties in regard to
16 the care and management of the public schools of said town
17 which are conferred upon superintending school committees
18 by the laws of this state, including the employment of all
19 teachers. They may annually, and whenever there is a
20 vacancy, elect a superintendent of schools, who may be a
21 member of the committee, for the current municipal year,
22 who shall have the care and supervision of said public
23 schools under their direction, and act as secretary of their
24 board; they shall fix his salary at the time of his election,
25 which shall not be increased nor diminished during the year
26 for which he is elected, and may at any time dismiss him, if
27 they deem it proper or expedient. A suitable and con-
28 venient room shall be furnished by the city for the meetings
29 of said committee, wherein shall be kept their records open
30 to the inspection of the citizens. The said committee shall
31 annually before the spring election, furnish to the city coun-
32 cil an estimate in detail of the several sums required during
33 the ensuing year for the support of said public schools, and
34 they shall not increase the expenditures beyond the amount
35 appropriated therefor. The mayor shall be, *ex-officio*, chair-
36 man of the school committee, but shall have no vote unless
37 the members present and voting be equally divided.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Augusta, February 1, 1909.

Reported by Mr. HALL, from Committee on Legal Affairs
and ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*