

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 92

House of Representatives, Feb. 9, 1915.

Ordered, That five hundred copies be printed and that the same be referred to the Committee on Education.

Presented by Mr. Haraden of Bath.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to establish a Board of Education for the City of
Bath.

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

Section 1. A board of education shall be established for
2 the city of Bath, said board shall have all the power and
3 perform all the duties as regards the public schools of said
4 city, which are now conferred or hereafter may be upon
5 superintending school committees by laws of the state.

Sect. 2. This board shall consist of five members, includ-
2 ing the mayor, who shall be a member, ex-officio.

Sect. 3. The other four members to be citizens of Bath,
2 of legal age and of either sex, who shall be elected by the
3 voters at the annual municipal election in March, one to be
4 elected each year, on a separate ballot, to serve four years.

Sect. 4. Nominations of candidates for election to this
2 board shall be made according to chapter 6, sections 4 and
3 6, of the revised statutes of Maine, as they apply to muni-
4 cipal elections, and at the first election of this board four
5 members shall be elected on a ballot separate from that used
6 for the election of city officials, and the candidate receiving
7 the largest number of votes shall serve for four years, and
8 the one receiving the next largest number of votes to serve
9 three years, the next largest for two years and the next for
10 one year. Each voter voting for four names on the ballot
11 and no more, by placing a cross in the square before each
12 name.

Sect. 5. Any vacancy occurring in the board may be filled
2 for the remainder of the current municipal year by ballot
3 of the city council in joint convention, and at the next muni-
4 cipal election a member shall be elected to fill the vacancy
5 for the unexpired term.

Sect. 6. No member of the city council or teacher in the
2 public schools shall be eligible for membership upon this
3 board.

Sect. 7. This board shall on the third Monday in March
2 organize by the choice of one of its members, other than
3 the mayor, as chairman and shall elect a secretary whose
4 duty it shall be to keep a record of the proceedings of the
5 board, to notify members of meetings and perform such
6 other duties as the board may elect.

Sect. 8. The board shall also elect a superintendent of
2 schools, who may also be secretary of the board. They

3 shall fix his term of service and may remove him upon a
4 majority vote of the board. Said superintendent of schools
5 shall act under the direction of and be amenable to said
6 board.

Sect. 9. The compensation of the secretary of the board
2 and of the superintendent of schools shall be fixed by the
3 board and shall be paid from the appropriation made for
4 school purposes.

Sect. 10. The board shall at the beginning of each year,
2 submit to the city council for its guidance in making appro-
3 priations, approximate estimates of amounts needed for
4 current expenses and other requirements, and such other
5 information regarding its department as the city council may
6 call for, and shall at the close of each year, or at any other
7 time when requested by the city council, make a full de-
8 tailed report to the city council of the receipts and expendi-
9 tures and of the work done, but shall have no authority to
10 incur liabilities in excess of the amount appropriated for
11 its use by the city council, and no part of said appropriation
12 shall be paid to any member of the board for services as
13 a member of the board.

Sect. 11. The first election under this act shall be held at
2 the municipal election next after the act shall have been
3 accepted by the voters of the city of Bath, at a special elec-
4 tion to be held Sept. 13th, 1915, and the other provisions of
5 the act shall take effect at the beginning of the municipal
6 year immediately following, and any and all acts now in
7 force which conflict with the same are hereby repealed.