

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 636

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*House of Representatives, March 11, 1915.*

*Reported by Mr. Ricker from Committee on Education and  
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*FORTUNAT BELLEAU, Clerk Pro Tem.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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

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*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  
4 be elected each year, on a separate ballot, to serve four  
5 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 munic-  
4 ipal 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 receiv-  
7 ing the largest number of votes shall serve for four years,  
8 and the one receiving the next largest number of votes to  
9 serve three years, the next largest for two years and the  
10 next for one year. Each voter voting for four names on  
11 the ballot and no more, by placing a cross in the square be-  
12 fore each 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 mu-  
4 nicipal 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 the  
3 Mayor, as chairman and shall elect a secretary whose duty  
4 it shall be to keep a record of the proceedings of the board,

5 to notify members of meetings and perform such other du-  
6 ties 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 shall  
3 fix his term of service and may remove him upon a majority  
4 vote of the board. Said superintendent of schools shall act  
5 under the direction of and be amenable to said 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 cur-  
4 rent expenses and other requirements, and such other in-  
5 formation 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 detailed  
8 report to the city council of the receipts and expenditures  
9 and of the work done, but shall have no authority to incur  
10 liabilities in excess of the amount appropriated for its use  
11 by the city council, and no part of said appropriation shall  
12 be paid to any member of the board for services as a mem-  
13 ber of the board.

Sect. 11. The first election under this act shall be held  
2 at the municipal election next after the act shall have been  
3 accepted by the voters of the City of Bath, at a special elec-

tion to be held Sept. 13th, 1915, and the other provisions  
of the act shall take effece at the beginning of the municipal  
year immediately following, and any and all acts now in  
force which conflict with the same are hereby repealed.