

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 112

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*House of Representatives, Feb. 2, 1917.*

*Referred to Committee on Judiciary and five hundred copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.*

*W. R. ROIX, Clerk.*

*Presented by Mr. Sawyer of Eden.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to abolish the offices of Superintending School Committee, Board of Assessors and Board of Road Commissioners and to define the powers and duties of the Selectmen of the town of Eden in the County of Hancock, and fix the compensation of the Selectmen of said town.

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

Section 1. Chapter three hundred and eighty-nine of the  
2 private and special laws for the year one thousand nine  
3 hundred and five, is hereby repealed.

Sect. 2. Annual town meetings shall be held in the town  
2 of Eden, in the county of Hancock, on the first Monday of

3 March, in each year, and the voters shall then choose, by  
4 ballot, as provided by chapter two hundred and fifteen, of  
5 the private and special laws for the year one thousand nine  
6 hundred and thirteen, as amended by chapter two hundred  
7 and four, of the private and special laws for the year one  
8 thousand nine hundred and fifteen, three, five or seven in-  
9 habitants of said town to be selectmen and overseers of the  
10 poor, who shall be sworn faithfully to discharge all the du-  
11 ties of their office.

Sect. 3. The selectmen shall meet within twenty-four  
2 hours after their election and choose by written ballot one  
3 of the members to be chairman, and one of the members  
4 to be clerk or secretary, and thereafter records shall be kept  
5 of the doings of all future meetings of said selectmen. Said  
6 records shall be deemed public records and shall be open at  
7 all times to any citizen of said town.

Sect. 4. The chairman of said selectmen shall receive for  
2 his services eighteen hundred dollars per year and actual  
3 and necessary expenses incurred while in the performance  
4 of his duties, to be paid by the town treasurer in quarterly  
5 payments on the first day of June, September, December  
6 and March.

Sect. 5. Each selectman except as provided in section  
2 three, shall be paid for his services five dollars for every  
3 day necessarily employed in the service of the town, to-  
4 gether with his actual and necessary expenses while so em-  
5 ployed, to be paid monthly by the town treasurer on the first

6 day of each and every month during his term of office.

Sect. 6. Said selectmen shall serve instead of the super-  
2 intending school committee, board of assessors, board of  
3 road commissioners, road commissioner or road commis-  
4 sioners, provided for by general statute, and shall have the  
5 same powers in relation to the schools of said town, the  
6 assessment of taxes of said town, and the construction and  
7 repairs of roads, bridges and sidewalks as the superintend-  
8 ing school committees, assessors and road commissioners and  
9 municipal officers have under such general statute, and be  
10 subject to the same duties in relation thereto. They shall  
11 employ a superintendent of schools, not one of their own  
12 number, and such superintendent shall be under the control  
13 of said selectmen, and subject to discharge by them. They  
14 shall employ a superintendent or superintendents of roads,  
15 not one of their own number, who shall be under the con-  
16 trol of said selectmen, and subject to discharge by them.  
17 The selectmen shall perform the duties of the assessors of  
18 said town and have the same powers as is provided for by  
19 general statute, and shall receive no extra compensation for  
20 said service.

Sect. 7. The act shall not become operative until it is  
2 accepted by said town of Eden, at any legal meeting called  
3 by a warrant containing an article for that purpose.