

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 139

In Senate, Feb. 9, 1917.

*Reported by Mr. Merrill from Committee on Legal Affairs
and ordered printed under joint rules.*

W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to amend Chapter 416 of the Private and Special Laws
of 1907 relating to the schools of the city of Augusta.

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

Section four of said chapter is hereby amended by striking
2 out all of said section after the word "tax" in the fortieth
3 line thereof and adding instead the following: 'A special
4 meeting may be called at any time in the manner herein-
5 before prescribed, when in the opinion of the chairman of
6 the board, expressed in his written request to the mayor, the
7 welfare of the public schools demands it. At any meeting
8 authorized by this section the electors present may by vote

9 borrow money for the building and reconstruction of school-
10 houses and the purchase of lots therefor,' so that said section
11 as amended shall read as follows :

'Sect. 4. On the second Monday of May at half past seven
2 o'clock in the evening, annually, commencing with the year
3 nineteen hundred and eight, a general meeting of the citizens
4 of said city, qualified to vote at municipal elections therein,
5 and without regard to their political affiliations, shall be con-
6 vened in the city hall of said city. Such meeting shall be
7 called in the manner prescribed for calling ward meetings in
8 section two of this act, except that there shall be but one
9 original warrant, true and attested copies whereof shall be
10 posted by the city marshal or any constable of said city at
11 least seven days before the day of the meeting, and in at
12 least two public and conspicuous places in each ward. The
13 marshal or said constable shall deliver the original warrant,
14 with a return of his doings thereon, to the moderator of said
15 meeting when elected, and the secretary of the meeting shall
16 make a record thereof. The chairman of the board if
17 present, or in his absence any member of the board, or if no
18 such member is present any citizen qualified to vote at
19 municipal elections in said city may call the meeting to order
20 and preside until the election of a moderator. The meeting
21 shall immediately proceed, by ballot or otherwise, to the
22 choice of a moderator and a secretary. The moderator shall
23 preside with the power of moderators of town meetings, and
24 together with the secretary shall be duly sworn by any justice

25 of the peace of said city. A record of such oaths shall be
26 made by the secretary. At such meeting the board of educa-
27 tion shall submit a printed report, the edition whereof shall
28 consist of not less than fifteen hundred copies, of the affairs
29 and conditions of the city schools for the ending on the first
30 day of April next preceding the meeting, together with an
31 estimate of the amount needed for school purposes for the
32 current year. The said electors present shall have power to
33 raise by vote for the support of the public schools in said
34 city, for the current year ending on the first day of April,
35 such sum, not less than the amount required by the general
36 laws of the state, as they may deem necessary for that pur-
37 pose. The secretary shall forthwith, or within the time
38 prescribed by the meeting, certify the amount thereof to the
39 assessors of said city, and it shall be included with, and
40 assessed like other city taxes and all the provisions of law
41 relating to the assessment and collection of taxes shall be
42 applicable to such tax. A special meeting may be called at
43 any time in the manner hereinbefore described, when in the
44 opinion of the chairman of the board, expressed in his
45 written request to the mayor, the welfare of the public schools
46 demands it. At any meeting authorized by this section, the
47 electors present may by vote borrow money for the building
48 and reconstruction of schoolhouses and the purchase of lots
49 therefor.'