

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 187

(NEW DRAFT)

House of Representatives, February 26, 1923.

Reported by Mr. Wood from Committee on Education and ordered printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THREE

AN ACT to Amend Section Thirty-two of Chapter Seventy-five of the Private and Special Laws of Nineteen Hundred Nineteen, Relating to the Board of Education of the City of Augusta.

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

Section thirty-two of chapter seventy-five of the private
2 and special laws of nineteen hundred nineteen is hereby re-
3 vised and amended so as to read as follows:

'Sect. 32. On the third Monday of April at half past
2 seven o'clock in the evening, annually, a general meeting
3 of the citizens of said city, qualified to vote at municipal
4 elections therein, and without regard to their political affili-

5 ations, shall be convened in the city hall of said city. Such
6 meetings shall be called in the manner prescribed for call-
7 ing ward meetings in section thirty of this charter, except
8 that there shall be but one original warrant, true and at-
9 tested copies whereof shall be posted by the city marshal
10 or any constable of said city at least seven days before the
11 day of the meeting, and in at least two public and conspicu-
12 ous places in each ward. The marshal or said constable
13 shall deliver the original warrant, with a return of his do-
14 ings thereon, to the moderator of said meeting when elected,
15 and the secretary of the meeting shall make a record there-
16 of. The chairman of the board if present, or in his ab-
17 sence any member of the board, or if no such member is
18 present, any citizen qualified to vote at municipal elections
19 in said city may call the meeting to order and preside until
20 the election of a moderator. The meeting shall immedi-
21 ately proceed, by ballot or otherwise, to the choice of a
22 moderator and a secretary. The moderator shall preside
23 with the power of moderators of town meetings, and to-
24 gether with the secretary shall be duly sworn by any jus-
25 tice of the peace of said city. A record of such oaths shall
26 be made by the secretary. Said board of education shall
27 prepare a detailed estimate in the form of a budget of the
28 amount needed for school purposes for the current year
29 and shall submit a copy of said estimate to the mayor and
30 each member of the finance committee of said city council
31 at least thirty days before the date of said meeting, and

32 there shall be held at such time as shall be fixed by the
33 mayor, but not later than twenty days before the date of
34 said meeting, a joint meeting of said board of education and
35 the mayor and said finance committee, due notice of which
36 meeting shall be given jointly by the mayor and superin-
37 tendent of schools to each member of said board of edu-
38 cation and said finance committee, to consider said esti-
39 mate, and said board of education shall give full informa-
40 tion with reference to said estimate and their reasons for
41 fixing the items thereof at the amounts therein stated. It
42 shall be the duty of the mayor and the members of said
43 board of education and of said finance committee to be pres-
44 ent at said meeting. Said mayor and finance committee, or
45 any member thereof, or of said board of education, who
46 do not concur in said estimate or any item thereof shall,
47 unless said item or items are changed by said board of
48 education, present the reasons for their non-concurrence at
49 said annual meeting. The board of education shall pre-
50 pare and have ready for distribution at least ten days prior
51 to the date of said meeting, and shall submit at said meet-
52 ing a printed report, the edition of which shall consist of
53 not less than fifteen hundred copies, of the affairs and con-
54 dition of the city schools for the year ending on the thirty-
55 first day of December next preceding the meeting, together
56 with said detailed estimate in the form of a budget of the
57 amount needed for school purposes for the current year,
58 in the amount or amounts as finally determined by them.
59 The said electors present shall have the power to raise by

60 vote for the support of public schools in said city for the
61 current year ending on the thirty-first day of December
62 such sum, not less than the amount required by the general
63 laws of the state, as they may deem necessary for that pur-
64 pose. The secretary shall forthwith, or within the time
65 prescribed by the meeting, but in any event not later than
66 the first day of May, certify the amount thereof to the as-
67 sessors of said city and it shall be included with and as-
68 sessed like other city taxes, and all the provisions of law
69 relating to the assessment and collection of taxes shall be
70 applicable to such tax. All salaries, wages and bills con-
71 tracted by said board of education in the usual and regu-
72 lar course during the period between the said thirty-first
73 day of December and the raising of said money for the
74 then current year, and for the payment of which school
75 funds are not available, shall be paid by the city treasurer
76 and charged up against the school appropriation for said
77 current year. It shall be the duty of the city auditor, under
78 the direction of the mayor and finance committee, to audit
79 the books of said board of education from time to time
80 and as directed by said mayor and finance committee. A
81 special meeting may be called at any time in the manner
82 hereinbefore described when in the opinion of the chair-
83 man of the board, expressed in his written request to the
84 mayor, the welfare of the public schools demands it. At
85 any meeting authorized by this section the electors present
86 may by vote borrow money for the building and reconstruc-
87 tion of school houses and the purchase of lots therefor.'