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EIGHTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 967

H. P. 1616

House of Representatives, Mar. 17, 1933.

Reported by Majority of Committee on Legal Affairs. On Motion of Mr. Audet of Lewiston both reports tabled pending acceptance of either report and 500 copies of New Draft ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

New Draft of H. P. 637, L. D. 189.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to the School Board of the City of Lewiston.

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

- Sec. 1. P. & S. L. 1868, c. 465, § 1, amended. Section 1 of chapter 465 of the private and special laws of 1868 is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and substituting in place thereof the following, to wit:
- 'Sec. 1-a. Superintending school committee; how constituted. The superintending school committee of the city of Lewiston shall consist of the mayor, ex-officio, and 4 members appointed by the mayor as hereinafter provided. Not more than 2 of the appointive members shall represent the same political party and such appointments shall be made from the political parties polling the 1st and 2nd highest number of votes for governor at the next preceding gubernatorial election in said Lewiston.
- 'Sec. 1-b. Appointments; terms. Appointments shall be made in the month of September annually for the term of 4 years from the 1st day of October next ensuing; provided, that the members appointed in the month of September 1933, shall be appointed for 1, 2, 3 and 4 years, respectively, as designated by the mayor in their appointment. Vacancies occurring during any term shall be filled by appointment from the same party for the unexpired term.

- Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1868, c. 465, § 2 amended. Section 2 of chapter 465 of the private and special laws of 1868 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 'Sec. 2. May appoint a superintendent of schools. The superintending school committee of said city of Lewiston, may exercise all the powers conferred, and shall discharge all the duties imposed, by law, on superintending school committees and district school agents; and they may also appoint a superintendent of schools, for such term and with such compensation as the city council of said city of Lewiston may determine. Such superintendent may be removed at the pleasure of said committee, and any vacancy shall be filled by their appointment; provided that while a superintendent of schools is so employed said committee shall serve without compensation.'
- **'Sec. 3. Effective date.** This act shall take effect on the 1st day of August, 1933, for the purpose of calling and holding the special election hereinafter provided for. It shall take effect, if accepted as hereinafter provided, on the 15th day of September, 1933, for the appointment of members of the committee, and for all other purposes on the 1st day of October, 1933.
- **'Sec. 4. Referendum.** This act shall be submitted for approval or rejection to the qualified voters of the city of Lewiston at an election to be held the 2nd Monday in September, 1933, and warrants shall be issued for such election in the manner now provided by law for the holding of municipal elections, notifying and warning the qualified voters of said city to meet in the several ward rooms of said city, there to cast their ballots concerning the acceptance of this act for the city of Lewiston. The vote shall be taken by ballot at said election in answer to the question: 'Shall an act passed by the legislature in the year 1933 entitled "An Act relating to the School Board of the City of Lewiston" be accepted, which question shall be printed on the official ballots and at said election the voters of said city in favor of accepting this act shall vote "Yes" and those opposed shall vote "No".

'Otherwise said ballot shall be in the form provided by law when a constitutional amendment is submitted to the vote of the people. The provisions of law relating to the preparation of voting lists for municipal elections shall apply to such election and said election shall in all other respects be conducted and the results thereof shall be determined in the manner now provided by law for the determination of the election of mayor. If a majority of the valid ballots cast as aforesaid shall favor accepting the same, then this act shall forthwith take effect as herein provided; otherwise, it shall become null and void.