

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

FIFTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1875.

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## CHAP. 84.

Shares.

SECT. 3. The shares of said company shall be of such number as the directors may determine, the par value of the whole number not to exceed the aggregate sum of two hundred thousand dollars.

First meeting,  
how called.

SECT. 4. Jotham P. Norton is hereby authorized to call the first meeting of the incorporators, at York, Maine, by giving to each of the others a written notice of the same seven days before such meeting.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved February 10, 1875.

## Chapter 84.

An act relating to the schools in the city of Portland.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :*

School committee  
of Portland, how  
constituted.

SECT. 1. The school committee of the city of Portland shall consist of the mayor of said city, who shall be *ex officio* chairman of the committee, and of seven other persons, one of whom shall be elected in each ward at the annual election for municipal officers, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and seventy-five, in the same manner that aldermen now are, and such person shall be a resident of the ward in which he is elected.

—term of office.

SECT. 2. At the first meeting said committee shall designate by lot those of their number who shall hold office for one year, and four of their number who shall hold office for two years, and certify such designation to the clerk of said city, to be by him recorded; and thereafter, at each annual municipal election in said city, a person shall be elected, to fill the place of each one whose term expires, from the same ward as that of the member going out, in the same manner as hereinbefore provided, and hold office for two years. Whenever a vacancy shall occur in said board, the remaining members shall give immediate notice in writing of the fact to said city clerk, and the city council of said city shall thereupon, in joint convention, proceed to fill such vacancy by ballot, and the person residing in the ward in which the vacancy occurred receiving a majority of ballots of persons entitled to vote at such election, shall be declared elected, and hold office till the next annual spring election, when the unexpired term, if any, shall be filled by the election of a person from the ward where the vacancy occurred. The members of said committee, duly elected, shall meet and organize on the second Monday in March, or as soon thereafter as may be, at such time and place

—succession.

—vacancies in,  
how filled.

—organization of.

as the mayor shall appoint. A majority of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

**CHAP. 85.**

Quorum.

SECT. 3. The said committee shall have all the power, and perform all the duties in regard to the care and management of the public schools of said city, which are now conferred and imposed upon superintending school committees by the laws of this state, except as otherwise provided in this act. They shall annually, and whenever there is a vacancy, elect a superintendent of schools for the current municipal year, who shall have the care and supervision of said public schools under their direction, and act as secretary of their board; they shall fix his salary at the time of his election, which shall not be increased during the year for which he is elected, except by consent of said city council, and may at any time dismiss him if they deem it proper and expedient. They shall annually, as soon after the organization of their board as practicable, furnish to said city council an estimate in detail of the several sums required during the ensuing municipal year for the support of said public schools, and shall not increase the salaries of the superintendent and teachers, or any other expenditures, beyond the amounts specified therefor in such estimate, except by consent of said city council. No member of the committee shall receive any compensation for his services.

School committee, Portland, powers and duties of.

—shall elect a superintendent of schools and fix his salary.

—shall furnish to city council estimate of cost of schools.

—shall receive no compensation.

SECT. 4. All powers, obligations and duties in regard to said public schools, not conferred and imposed upon said committee by the provisions of this act, shall be and are hereby vested in the city council of said city.

—powers not conferred on, vested in city council.

SECT. 5. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions herein contained, as far as the city of Portland is concerned, are hereby repealed.

Certain acts repealed.

SECT. 6. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved February 10, 1875.

**Chapter 85.**

An act to amend "an act authorizing George Dyer to establish a ferry."

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:*

Section one be amended by striking out the whole section and inserting

'SECT. 1. George Dyer, of North Haven, in the county of Knox, his associates and successors, are hereby authorized and empowered to establish a ferry across tide waters from the land and shore of Andrew L. Kent, in North Haven, across Fox Island

Authorized to establish a ferry.