

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

FIFTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1877.

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PUBLIC LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1877.

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An act to amend section thirty-one chapter eleven of the Revised Statutes of eighteen hundred and seventy-one, relating to powers of School Districts.

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

Sec. 31, ch. 11,  
R. S., amended.

Section thirty-one, chapter eleven, of the revised statutes of eighteen hundred and seventy-one, is hereby amended, by inserting, after the word "schools," in the second line, the words 'for such a period of time as they may determine,' and by inserting, after the word "districts," in the tenth line, the words 'for said time,' and by inserting, after the word "voters," in the eleventh line, the words 'during said time and at the expiration of said time, each of said districts shall resume its district organization, unless a majority of the voters in each district shall vote to continue the united district;'; so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows :

School districts  
may unite to  
maintain graded  
schools.

‘SECT. 31. Two or more school districts may unite for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a system of graded free schools, for such a period of time as they may determine, when a majority of the voters present and voting at a meeting of each district, legally called for the purpose, so determines; and the clerk of each district shall forthwith furnish the town clerk with a certified copy of such votes, and he shall enter said votes upon the town records; and thereafter such districts shall constitute one district, to be known by the name that the inhabitants thereof adopt; and have all the rights and powers, and be subject to all the liabilities of other school districts for said time; and the town shall not alter or divide it, without the consent of a majority of its voters during said time; and at the expiration of said time each of said districts shall resume its distinct organization, unless a majority of the voters in each district shall vote to continue the united district; and at its annual meeting, it may raise money for the support of its schools, in addition to what it receives from the town, and not exceeding three-fifths of that sum. And any school district maintaining graded schools may raise money for the support of its schools as provided in this section for districts composed of two or more districts.’

Proceedings in  
such cases.

Districts main-  
taining schools,  
may raise money.