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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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Chapter 438.

An Act to provide for the election of school committee and a superintendent of schools in the City of Belfast.

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

SECT. 1. At the annual municipal election in the city of Belfast, next after the passage of this act, and its acceptance by the city council of the city of Belfast, the qualified voters in each ward in said city, shall, by ballot, elect two inhabitants of the ward to be members of the school committee. At their first meeting said committee shall designate by lot, five of their number, being one from each ward, who shall hold office for one year; and five, being one from each ward, who shall hold office for two years. The mayor of said city shall be chairman, ex-officio, of said committee. Thereafterwards at each annual municipal election one inhabitant from each ward shall be elected to hold office for two years. Said committee shall serve without compensation and no teacher in the public schools shall be a member of said committee. Vacancies occurring in said board otherwise than by expiration of term of office shall be filled by the city council of said city for the remainder of said unexpired term.

Election of school committee in Belfast.

—tenure.

—mayor shall be chairman, ex-officio.

—vacancies, how filled.

SECT. 2. Before entering upon the duties of their office, the members of said committee shall be duly sworn. They shall meet as soon as may be after their election and organize by the election of a chairman, pro-tem, whose election shall be duly certified to the clerk of said city. Said committee shall exercise all the powers and perform all the duties which are now conferred and imposed upon superintending school committees by the laws of this state. They may appoint such sub-committees, and make such rules and regulations for the government of the board, and the performance of its duties as may be deemed best. A majority of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Members shall be sworn.

—powers and duties.

—quorum.

SECT. 3. Said committee shall annually, and whenever there is a vacancy, elect a superintendent of schools who shall be duly sworn and shall be under the direction of and be responsible to said committee, and shall exercise such of their powers and duties as they may, from time to time confer upon him, and shall be secretary of the board. They shall determine his compensation and term of service, and

Election of superintendent.

—compensation.

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may at any time dismiss him, if they deem it proper or expedient. His compensation shall not be increased or diminished for the term for which he was elected. The fact of the election of the superintendent and his compensation shall be duly certified to the clerk of said city.

City shall furnish office for superintendent.

SECT. 4. A suitable and convenient room shall be furnished by the city for the superintendent's office and the meetings of said committee, wherein shall be kept their records, open to inspection of citizens of the city.

City shall furnish, annually, city council with estimates.

SECT. 5. Said committee shall annually before each municipal election, furnish to the city council an estimate of the several sums required, during the ensuing municipal year, for the support of public schools in said city, and the expenditures shall not be increased beyond the amount appropriated therefor.

When term of present committee shall terminate.

SECT. 6. Immediately upon the election and qualification of the committee herein provided for, the term of office of the committee then existing in said city shall cease.

Inconsistent acts, repealed.

SECT. 7. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act, are, as far as the city of Belfast is concerned, hereby repealed.

When act shall take effect.

SECT. 8. This act shall take effect when approved, and accepted by the city council of the city of Belfast.

Approved March 1, 1893.

Chapter 439.

An Act amendatory to sections four and fifteen of chapter five hundred and six of the Special Laws of eighteen hundred eighty-nine, relating to the charter of the city of Deering.

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

Sec. 4, ch. 506, Special Laws, 1889, amended.

SECT. 1. Section four of chapter five hundred and six of the special laws of eighteen hundred eighty-nine is hereby amended by inserting in the next to the last line between the words "next" and "session" the word 'stated', so that said section as amended, shall read as follows :

Powers of city council.

'SECT. 4. The city council shall secure a prompt and just accountability by requiring bonds with sufficient penalty and surety or sureties, from all persons trusted with the receipt, custody or disbursement of money ; the city council