

An Act.

To establish a permanent Board of Education and orphanage for the County of Bibb, and to incorporate the same, to define its duties and powers and for other purposes.

Section 1st The General Assembly do enact, that from and after the passage of this act, there shall be established in and for the County of Bibb a permanent Board of Education and orphanage to be styled the Board of Public Education and Orphanage for Bibb County" which shall be charged with the direction and control of the education of white and colored children in said County between the ages of six and eighteen years, and with the maintenance and education of white and colored orphans in said County under the age of sixteen years, and which shall be entirely distinct from and independent of "The Georgia State Board of Education," provided, that said Board of Education and orphanage shall furnish to the State School Commissioners all statistics and information relative to the

schools and children of said county which may be required of them by said Commissioner.

Section 2nd Be it further enacted &c that the following named citizens of Bibb County, to wit S. N. Whittle, W. D. Williams, Virgil Powers, Joseph Clisby, Thomas C. Dempsey, John J. Gresham, B. W. Subbidge, James C. Nisbit, Emory Winship, Samuel Chambliss, J. M. Stubbs and J. M. Purke together with the Mayor of the City of Macon, the Ordinary of said County of Bibb, and the Judge of the Superior Court in and for said county, when said Judge shall be a citizen of said county, shall constitute said Board, and under the name and style aforesaid, shall be and they are hereby created a body politic and corporate, with perpetual succession of members for the purposes aforesaid, and as such shall have full power and authority to establish, and from time to time to modify a system of education for white and colored children between the ages of six and eighteen years in the county of Bibb and to carry out and superintend the same, to organize "Houses" for the destitute orphans of said county,

under the age of sixteen years, and to provide for the education and maintenance of said orphans, to select, appoint and remove a superintendent, teachers, matrons and all other employees under said system, to provide school-houses and orphan houses, to make by-laws for their own government and rules and regulations for the government of Superintendent, and of the teachers, matrons, school orphan houses under their control, to establish schools in their description, and to prescribe the studies to be pursued in the same, provided however, that they shall not introduce into any school established by them any books of a sectarian character, or exclude the Bible from any of said schools, and provided further, that said schools shall be so established as to extend impartially the benefits of the same to white and colored children and to the different sections of said County of Pitt, due regard being had to difference in population, to fill vacancies in the said Board in whatever manner caused, to purchase, take, acquire, receive, hold and enjoy for the purposes aforesaid, monies, and real and personal

estate by bargain and sale, gift, grant
contract, devise or bequest, to sue and be
sued by the name and style aforesaid, and
to have and use a common seal, and
generally shall be clothed with all the
rights, powers and privileges, incident to
corporations and necessary or convenient for
carrying out the purposes of their creation -

Section 3^d Be it further enacted that
the said Board shall be entitled to and
shall receive (receive) for the purposes aforesaid
from the State School Commissioner the
pro rata share of Bibb County of all taxes
now paid to the State and specially set
apart for educational purposes, and all
appropriations for said purposes, and from
~~the~~ Treasurer of the State of Georgia, the
pro rata share of said county of all endow-
ments, devises, gifts and bequests made or
hereafter to be made to the State, or State
Board of Education, and of any and all
educational moneys and funds not belonging
to and due to the State University now in
the Treasury of the State, and of one-half of
the nett earnings of the Western and Atlantic

Trail Bond now in the treasury of the State or hereafter to be deposited, said pro-rata share to be determined by the ratio which the number of children, white and colored in said county, between the ages of six and eighteen, bears to the number of white and colored children in the State between the ages of six and eighteen; and said Board shall further have the power to assess such tax upon the taxable property of said County of Bibb, as they may think necessary to support the system of schools and orphan houses which they may establish. which tax, when approved by the Grand jury at the ^{Spring term of the} Superior Court of Bibb County shall be levied by the Ordinary of said County and collected like other taxes of said County.

Section 4th Be it further enacted that the said Board shall have power to acquire and merge, or connect with the schools and orphan houses to be established by them "The Bibb County orphan house", "The Macow Free School" and the "Alexander

"Free school" with the properties, rights and franchises respectively appertaining and belonging to each of said institutions, provided however, that the name of the Alexander Free School shall always be preserved for that institution and also the right of presentation in Mercer University now enjoyed by the City Council of Macon -

Section 5th Be it further enacted &c that the said Board shall establish district and separate schools, ^{and orphan homes} for white and colored children and shall not in any event place children of different colors in the same school or orphan home.

Section 6th Be it further enacted &c that the Act entitled an Act to establish a system of public instruction approved Oct 13th 1870, and the Act amendatory thereof, be and the same is hereby repealed, so far as the same applies to the county of Bibb, provided that nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to deprive the county of Bibb of the right to receive the same

quote of any educational fund to
which said county would be entitled
if this Act were not enacted -

Section 7th Be it further enacted
that all laws and parts of laws
contradicting against this Act be and
the same are hereby repealed -

Joseph B. Cumming -
Speaker of the House of Reps.

J. D. Waddell -

Clerk of the House of Reps.

L. M. Trammell

President of the Senate

W. W. Hill

Secretary of the Senate

Approved August 23. 1872

James M. Smith -

Governor -

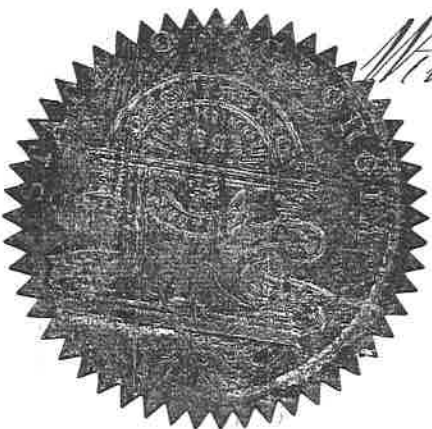
Secretary of State's Office, Atlanta Ga. Sep 11. 1872.

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Witness my hand and seal of office -

David G. Trotter - -

Secretary of State -



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To amend an Act entitled an Act to establish a permanent Board of Education and Orphanage for the County of Bibb and to incorporate the same, to define its duties and powers and for other purposes, Approved August 23rd 1872.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Georgia, that Section third of said Act be amended by striking out the words "Grand Jury at the spring term of the Superior Court of Bibb County", in the twenty second and twenty third lines of said section, and inserting in lieu thereof the words, "Board of County Commissioners of Bibb County", and by adding at the end of said section the words "And the said Board is hereby required to approve or disapprove of said tax, before the first Monday in June of each year".

Section 2. Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that all laws and parts of laws militating against this Act be and the same are hereby repealed.

The Speaker

Speaker House Representatives

J. G. Smeat

Clerk House Representatives

B. J. Simmons

President Senate

J. W. Murphy

Secretary Senate

Aperted to February 19, 1876
James M. Smith
Governor

Office, Secretary of State, Georgia
Atlanta February 21, 1876

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing one page
contain a true copy of the original Act on file in this office

Given under my hand and official seal

N. C. Barnett

Secretary of State

