

**REPORT**  
OF  
**THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.**

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COMMITTEE ROOM, July 31st, 1868.

To the HON. E. J. DAVIS, *President of the Convention*:

SIR—Your Committee on Education, having had under consideration that part of the Constitution, have instructed me to report the accompanying Article on that subject. The necessity that exists in all free States for the education of all the children of the State, has come to be so universally acknowledged that no argument appears necessary to justify the Committee in having made so liberal provision for the support and maintenance of Public Schools, and in giving the control of the whole subject to an independent Board. The Article is respectfully submitted to the consideration of the Convention.

JOSEPH W. TALBOT, CHAIRMAN.

**PROVISIONS RESPECTING EDUCATION.**

SECTION 1. A general diffusion of knowledge being essential to the preservation of the rights  
2 and liberties of the people; it shall be the duty of the Legislature of this State to make suitable  
3 provision for the support and maintenance of a system of Public Free Schools, for the gratuitous  
4 instruction of all the scholastic inhabitants of the State, between the ages of six and eighteen years,  
5 without distinction on account of race, color or previous condition.

SEC. 2. The Public Free Schools and other educational institutions of the State shall be under  
2 the management of a Board of Education, consisting of a Superintendent of Public Instruction,  
3 the Controller and two members from each Congressional District. The Governor of the State  
4 shall be ex officio a member of the Board, but shall have no vote in its proceedings.

SEC. 3. The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall be President of the Board of Educa-  
2 tion, and have the casting vote in case of a tie. He shall have the supervision of the Public  
3 Free Schools of the State, and perform such other duties as may be imposed upon him by the  
4 Board of Education and the law of the State. The Governor of the State shall nominate, and  
5 by and with the advice and consent of two-thirds of the Senate shall appoint the Superintendent