

SENATE....No. 70.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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IN SENATE, February 28, 1868.

The Committee on Education, to whom was committed the petition of O. A. Archer and others, of Adams and Williamstown, for authority to establish a union graded school in the village of Blackinton, report the accompanying Bill.

Per order,

F. D. BROWN,  
*For the Committee.*

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-  
Eight.

### AN ACT

To authorize the School Committees of Adams and Williamstown to establish a Union Graded School in the Village of Blackinton.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—*

1   SECT. 1. The school committees of the towns of  
2 Adams and Williamstown are hereby authorized and  
3 empowered to establish a union graded school for the  
4 accommodation of such portions of the two towns as  
5 are comprised in the village of Blackinton and its  
6 immediate vicinity, and to define the limits of the  
7 districts of territory from which pupils may attend  
8 said school.

1   SECT. 2. The school committees shall procure a  
2 suitable lot of land in said village, and erect thereon  
3 and furnish a suitable school-house, with the needful

4 fences and out-buildings ; and in case the lot of land  
5 selected by the committee cannot be obtained by  
6 purchase, then they may take possession thereof in  
7 the same manner that the selectmen of towns are  
8 authorized to do by the thirty-eighth and thirty-ninth  
9 sections of the thirty-eighth chapter of the General  
10 Statutes. The cost of the land and buildings, with  
11 the appurtenances of the same, and all repairs and  
12 renewals thereof shall be borne jointly by said towns,  
13 in the proportion to their respective polls and estates  
14 within the district defined, as above provided ; and  
15 said towns shall be joint owners of the school  
16 property in the proportion of their respective contri-  
17 butions.

1     SECT. 3. In the support and maintenance of said  
2 school, and in all incidental expenses attending the  
3 same, except as herein before provided, the propor-  
4 tion to be paid by each town, unless otherwise agreed  
5 upon, shall be according to the number of children  
6 of each in the district, to be defined as above pro-  
7 vided, between the ages of five and fifteen.

1     SECT. 4. The school committees of the two towns  
2 shall elect two of their number—one from each of  
3 their respective boards—and the two so elected shall  
4 form the committee for the management and control  
5 of such school when established, with all the powers  
6 conferred upon school committees.

1     SECT. 5. This act shall take effect whenever each  
2 of the above named towns shall, at a legal meeting  
3 called for the purpose, assent to the same.

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