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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Superintending School Committee of Town of Yarmouth.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, it is vitally important to the legal voters of the Town of Yarmouth that they be given a timely opportunity to act upon the following legislation at their annual town meeting to be held in March of 1961; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Superintending school committee. The Town of Yarmouth may choose by ballot at its annual town meeting a superintending school committee of 5 members and shall fill vacancies arising therein at each subsequent annual town meeting.

The school committee first chosen shall designate by lot a member to hold office for one year, 2 members to hold office for 2 years and 2 members to hold office for 3 years; and they shall certify such designation to the town clerk to be by him recorded; and thereafter the members shall be chosen by ballot at the annual meeting of the Town of Yarmouth to hold office for 3 years.

The superintending school committee shall designate 3 of its members to serve on the joint committee of the school union and they shall be empowered to des-

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ignate any one member of the 3 to act for the entire group. The total vote or votes cast by such member or members at such meeting of the joint committee shall not exceed 3.

Referendum; effective date; certificate to Secretary of State. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved, only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters of the Town of Yarmouth at any annual town meeting held within 2 years of said effective date, an appropriate article being inserted in the call for such meeting. The town clerk shall prepare the required ballots, on which he shall reduce the subject matter of this act to the following question: "Shall the Act Relating to the Superintending School Committee of Town of Yarmouth, passed by the Iooth Legislature, be accepted?" The voters shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed against the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same.

This act shall take effect for all the purposes hereof immediately upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal voters voting at such meeting; provided that the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this act at such meeting equaled or exceeded 20% of the total vote for all candidates for Governor cast in said town at the next preceding gubernatorial election.

The result of the vote shall be declared by the municipal officers of the Town of Yarmouth and due certificate thereof shall be filed by the town clerk with the Secretary of State.