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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 Bridgton.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, in order to provide better administration of the schools of Bridgton for the benefit of the children of said town the following legislation is vitally necessary; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution, 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 Bridgton 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 Bridgton 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 designate 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; emergency clause.** 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 Bridgton present and voting at the next annual town meeting or at a special town meeting called and held for the purpose not later than 4 months after the approval of this act. In the event a special meeting is called for the purpose, it shall be called, advertised and conducted according to the law relating to municipal elections; provided that the board of registration shall not be required to prepare for posting, nor the town clerk to post, a new list of voters and for the purpose of registration of voters, said board shall be in session one hour next preceding such special 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 Superintending School Committee of Town of Bridgton, passed by the 100th Legislature, be accepted?" and 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 vote of the legal voters voting at said meeting; provided that the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this act at said meeting equaled or exceeded 20% of the total vote for all candidates for Governor in said town at the next preceding gubernatorial election.

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

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