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ONE - HUNDRETH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 522

House of Representatives, January 24, 1961

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Prince of Harpswell.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-ONE

AN ACT Increasing Membership of Superintending School Committee of Town of Harpswell.

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

Superintending school committee. The Town of Harpswell may increase the membership of the superintending school committee to 5 members.

The Town of Harpswell may choose by ballot at its annual town meeting 2 additional superintending school committee members to serve with the 3 members already in office, and shall fill vacancies arising therein at each subsequent annual town meeting.

The 2 members thus chosen shall serve for unequal terms; one for one year, one for 2 years, and thereafter the members shall be chosen by ballot at the annual meeting of the Town of Harpswell to hold office for 3 years. All members of the superintending school committee shall hold office for 3 years. The selectmen of the Town of Harpswell may fill vacancies occurring between the annual meetings, and the term of office of any member of the committee so chosen shall expire at the next annual meeting.

The membership of said committee shall be chosen as follows: One member shall be chosen from Great or Sabascoogan Island, one member shall be chosen from Orrs Island, one member shall be chosen from Bailey Island and 2 members shall be chosen from Harpswell Neck. Both members from Harpswell Neck shall be chosen for alternate terms of office and in no event shall both members be chosen to serve the same term expiring at the same time.

No member of the superintending school committee shall be employed as a teacher in any public school or contract high school or academy located within

this supervisory union. In case any member of the superintending school committee shall remove from town or be absent for more than 90 days, a vacancy shall be declared to exist and the selectmen shall, within 30 days thereafter, choose another member as herein provided. Whenever the selectmen fail to appoint a person to fill a vacancy, the same may be filled by election at a town meeting called for the purpose.

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; certificate to Secretary of State. This act shall take effect 90 days after adjournment of the Legislature, only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters of the Town of Harpswell at any annual or special town meeting called and held for such purpose. In the event a special meeting is called for such purpose, it shall be called, advertised and conducted according to the law relating to municipal elections, but such a special meeting shall be held at least 60 days prior to the date of the annual meeting.

For the purpose of such election 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 Increasing Membership of Superintending School Committee of Town of Harpswell, passed by the 100th 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 said meeting; provided 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 cast for all candidates for Governor 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 Harpswell and due certificate thereof shall be filed by the town clerk with the Secretary of State.