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House of Representatives, January 31, 1961

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Hague of Gorham.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-ONE

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**AN ACT Relating to Superintending School Committee of Town of Gorham.**

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

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

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

The 3 members thus chosen shall designate by lot one member to serve 2 years and the other 2 members to serve 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 Gorham to hold office for 3 years. Said committee may fill vacancies occurring between annual meetings, and the term of office of any member of the committee so chosen shall expire at the next annual meeting.

A vote of a majority of the full membership of the committee shall be required for the purpose of conducting business and exercising the powers of the committee and for all other purposes.

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 the town or be absent for more than 90 days, a vacancy shall be declared to exist and the remaining members shall, within 30 days

thereafter, choose another member as hereinbefore provided. Whenever the remaining members 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 Gorham 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 Relating to Superintending School Committee of Town of Gorham, 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 such meeting; provided 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 Gorham and due certificate thereof shall be filed by the town clerk with the Secretary of State.