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Presented by Mr. MacNichol of Eastport.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to the School Board of the City of Eastport.

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

Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1935, c. 66, Art. III, § 1, amended. Section 1 of of Article III of chapter 66 of the private and special laws of 1935 is hereby repealed, and the following enacted in place thereof.

'Sec. I. Composition, eligibility, election, tenure of office, special provision. The school board shall consist of 3 members elected by the legally qualified voters of said city without reference to ward lines. They shall hold office for a term of 3 years, except that at the 1st election held after the effective date of this act the candidate having the highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of 3 years, and the candidate having the next largest number of votes shall be elected for a term of 2 years, and the candidate having the next largest number of votes shall be elected for a term of 1 year, thereafter a member shall be elected annually for a term of 3 years. The members shall serve until their successor is duly elected and qualified. Any vacancy occurring due to death or resignation shall be filled forthwith by election by the city council for the unexpired term.'

Sec. 2. Referendum. This act shall be submitted for approval or rejection to the qualified voters of the city of Eastport at an election to be held the 1st Monday in March, 1940, and warrants shall is issued for such election in the manner now provided by law for the holding of municipal elections, notifying and warning the qualified voters of said city to meet in the several ward rooms of said city, there to cast their ballots concerning the acceptance of this act for the city of Eastport. The vote shall be taken by ballot at said election in answer to the question: "Shall an act passed by the legislature in the year 1939 entitled 'An Act Relating to the School Board of the City of Eastport' be accepted?" which question shall be printed on the official ballots and at said election the voters of said city in favor of accepting this act shall vote "Yes" and those opposed shall vote "No."

Otherwise said ballot shall be in the form provided by law when a constitutional amendment is submitted to the vote of the people. The provisions of law relating to the preparation of voting lists for municipal elections shall apply to such election and said election shall in all other respects be conducted and the results thereof shall be determined in the manner now provided by law for the determination of the election of city council. If a majority of the valid ballots cast as aforesaid shall favor accepting the same, then this act shall forthwith take effect as herein provided; otherwise, it shall become null and void.