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**Legislative Document**

**No. 401**

H. P. 732

House of Representatives, February 6, 1945.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Dorsey of Fort Fairfield.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-FIVE

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**AN ACT to Amend the Charter of the Town of Fort Fairfield.**

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**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, the town of Fort Fairfield, in the county of Aroostook, has certain expenses and liabilities which must be met as they become due; and

Whereas, it is immediately necessary that provisions be made for raising revenue and for the general government of said town; and

Whereas, the aforesaid are immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and in the judgment of the legislature these facts constitute an emergency as contemplated by the constitution within the meaning of section 16 of Article XXXI of the constitution of Maine; now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1943, c. 5, § 3, amended.** Section 3 of chapter 5 of the private and special laws of 1943 is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

**‘Voting for town office may be by absentee ballot in accordance with the procedure used in state elections under the provisions of chapter 6 of the revised statutes of 1944, as amended. Meetings for the election of muni-**

cipal officers under the provisions of this section shall be opened not later than 10 o'clock in the forenoon; and the polls shall be kept open until 7 o'clock in the afternoon, and shall then be closed.'

**Sec. 2. Effective date; referendum.** This act shall take effect immediately upon its passage by the legislature only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters of the town of Fort Fairfield at its annual town meeting to be called for the 3rd Monday of March, 1945, by an appropriate article inserted in the call for that meeting. The town clerk shall prepare the required ballots upon which he shall reduce the subject matter of this act to the following question: "Shall the act to amend the charter of the town of Fort Fairfield be accepted?" and the voters shall indicate by a cross placed over the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same. This act shall take effect for all the purposes of this act immediately upon the acceptance of this act at said annual town meeting. The result of the vote in said town shall be declared by the municipal officers of the town of Fort Fairfield and a certificate thereof filed by the town clerk with the secretary of state.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.