

# NINETY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

## Legislative Document

### **No. 1083**

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

# STATE OF MAINE

#### IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE

#### AN ACT Relating to School Committee in Town of Rumford.

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

Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1935, c. 48, 1st [], amended. The 1st paragraph of section 2 of chapter 48 of the private and special laws of 1935 is hereby amended to read as follows:

'The governing boards and officers of the town, to be balloted upon and elected by the qualified voters at the annual town meeting as hereinafter provided, shall be: A board of 5 selectmen, who shall be ex officio overseers of the poor, a superintending school committee of 3 5, a board of assessors of 3, a tax collector, town treasurer and a town clerk.'

Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1935, c. 48, § 2, 3rd ¶, amended. The 3rd paragraph of section 2 of chapter 48 of the private and special laws of 1935 is hereby amended to read as follows:

'As the members of the superintending school committee are now elected each for a 3 year term, those whose term has not expired when this act, as amended, shall take effect shall continue to serve until their term expires. and only the vacancies shall be filled at the 1st election hereunder. Thereafter, 1 member shall be elected each year for a term of 3 years. One member of said superintending school committee At the 1st annual town meeting after this act, as amended, shall take effect, 3 members shall be elected to the said school committee. The 2 persons receiving the highest number of votes shall serve for a term of 3 years and the person receiving the next highest number of votes shall serve for a term of 2 years and thereafter at each annual town meeting only the necessary number of members of the committee shall be elected as may be required to maintain the full membership of the committee at 5 and each shall serve for 3 years. One member of said committee shall be a resident of that part of Rumford which lies outside of the limits of the Rumford Falls Village Corporation, and 2 members shall be residents of that part of Rumford which lies within the said limits of the Rumford Falls Village Corporation and 2 members shall be elected from the town of Rumford at large. No more than 3 members of said committee shall serve as members of the joint school committee. The chairman of said local committee shall be a member of the joint school committee, and the other 2 members of the joint school committee shall be elected by the majority vote of the members of the local school committee.'

Sec. 3. Referendum. This act shall take effect 90 days after the adjournment of this legislature only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters of the town of Rumford at the regular town meeting to be held on the 1st Monday of February, 1946. Such meeting shall be called for that purpose by an appropriate article inserted in the call for such meeting. The town clerk shall prepare the required ballots for the meeting upon which he shall reduce the subject matter of this act to the following question: "Shall 'An Act Relating to School Committee in Town of Rumford', passed by the 92nd legislature, 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 by a majority of the legal voters voting at such meeting.

The result of the vote in such town shall be declared by the municipal officers thereof and a certificate thereof filed by the town clerk with the secretary of state.