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House of Representatives, January 31, 1947.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Sharpe of Anson.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Town of Norridgewock School District.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the consolidated school building of the town of Norridgewock was in March, 1945, completely destroyed by fire depriving the town of any facilities for carrying out its school program; and

Whereas, it is imperative that action be taken at the earliest possible time to acquire land and to construct a new school building or buildings to accommodate the 400 school children of the town; and

Whereas, one of the major reasons for the delay in the construction of said new school building or buildings has been a difference of opinion relating thereto between the trustees of said school district and the voters of said town, resulting in a lack of cooperation between the said town and the district; and

Whereas, it is necessary to increase the number of said trustees of the school district in order to secure the necessary cooperation and the pooling of resources of the town and the district as contemplated by the act incorporating said district, as amended; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature, these facts create an emer-

gency within the meaning of the constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety ; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1933, c. 109, § 2, amended. Section 2 of chapter 109 of the private and special laws of 1933 is hereby amended to read as follows :

'Sec. 2. How managed. All the affairs of said district, as are herein provided, shall be managed by a board of trustees composed of ~~3~~ 5 members who shall be elected as is hereinafter provided.'

Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1933, c. 109, § 3, amended. Section 3 of chapter 109 of the private and special laws of 1933 is hereby amended to read as follows :

'Sec. 3. Trustees; how chosen; organization; compensation. All the affairs of said district as are herein provided shall be managed by a board of trustees composed of 3 members who shall hold office for the period of 3 years from the date of their appointment except as hereinafter provided for. ~~Three trustees shall be chosen by the municipal officers of the town of Norridgewock as soon as may be after the passage of this act as hereinafter provided. Removal from the town of Norridgewock by any trustee shall ipso facto vacate his office. Vacancies upon the board of trustees occurring because of expiration of the official term of 3 years, removal from town, resignation, death or any cause shall be filled by the municipal officers of the town of Norridgewock in the same manner in which the original board was chosen.~~

The members of the board as soon as convenient after they have been chosen as above provided, shall meet upon call of one of their number after such reasonable notice as he shall deem proper. At the first meeting the trustees so appointed shall determine by lot the term of office of each trustee so that 1 trustee shall retire each year and the term of office of the first trustee to expire shall end at the close of the municipal year of the town of Norridgewock following the acceptance of this act. And thereafter the term of office of a trustee shall expire and his successor shall be elected by the legal voters of Norridgewock at the close of each municipal year of said town. ~~They~~ Those trustees whose term has not expired when this act, as amended, shall take effect shall continue to serve until their term expires. At the 1st annual or special town meeting after this act, as amended shall take effect there shall be

elected by the legal voters of the town of Norridgewock, by written ballot, 2 additional members to said board of trustees, one to be elected for a period of 2 years and the other for a period of 3 years.

Thereafter at each annual town meeting there shall be elected, by written ballot, by the legal voters of the town of Norridgewock only the necessary number of trustees of the district as may be required to maintain the full membership of the trustees at 5 and each shall serve for a period of 3 years. Removal from the town of Norridgewock by any trustee shall ipso facto vacate his office. Vacancies upon the board of trustees occurring for any reason shall be filled by election, by written ballot, at a special meeting duly and promptly called by the board of selectmen of the town of Norridgewock and the person so elected shall hold office for the unexpired term only of his predecessor. The board of trustees shall ~~then~~ elect from their membership a president, clerk, and treasurer, adopt a corporate seal and do all other acts, matters and things necessary to perfect their organization. Thus organized, the trustees shall have the right and authority to employ such officers and agents as they may deem necessary for the proper conduct and management of the affairs of the district.

The trustees shall serve without compensation except the treasurer may receive for his services an amount to be fixed by the board of trustees not to exceed \$100 per year. The treasurer shall give a bond to the district in such sum and with such sureties as the trustees may determine, which bond shall be deposited with the president. The expense of such bond shall be paid by the district. The treasurer's salary, bond premium, and all expenses of the district shall be paid from the funds of the district. At the close of the fiscal year the trustees shall make a detailed report of their doings, of the financial condition of said district, and the physical condition of said school building, and also such other matters and things pertaining to said district as shall show the inhabitants thereof how said trustees are fulfilling the duties and obligations of their trust, said reports to be made, attested to and filed with the municipal officers of said town.'

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