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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 1588, L. D. 1160, Bill, "An Act Amending the Charter of the Town of Fort Fairfield Relating to the Number of Councillors."

Amend said bill by striking out the emergency preamble, starting with the word "Whereas" and ending with the words "now, therefore,".

Further amend said bill by striking out sub-section I. and II. of Section 2, and substitute the following:

'I. At the next annual town meeting to be held in March 1952, 2 councillors shall be elected for a term of 3 years, 2 councillors for a term of 2 years and 1 councillor for a term of 1 year, and thereafter the annual vacancies in the office of town councillor caused by the expiration of terms shall be filled for terms of 3 years. Vacancies that occur in the office of town councillor due to death, resignation or other causes shall be filled for the unexpired term at the next annual town meeting or at a special town meeting called for that purpose.'

Further amend said bill by striking out entirely the paragraph entitled: "Emergency clause; effective date; referendum.", and substitute in place thereof the following:

'Referendum; effective date. 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 said town at any special election called and held for that purpose, or at any election called for the purpose of voting upon any state referendum. Such election shall be held not later than 1 year after the effective date of this act and shall be called, advertised, and conducted according to the law relating to municipal elections; provided, however, that the board of registration of said town shall not be required to prepare for posting, nor the town clerk to post, a new list of voters, and for the purpose of registration of voters, said board shall be in session 1 hour preceding such election. The town clerk shall reduce the subject matter of this act to the following question: "Shall the act Amending the Charter of the Town of Fort Fairfield Relating to the Number of Councillors, be accepted?" and the voters shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed over the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same. The result in said town shall be declared by the municipal officers of the town of Fort Fairfield and due certificate thereof filed by the town clerk with the secretary of state. This act shall take effect for all the purposes thereof immediately upon its acceptance by a majority of the

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legal voters voting at said meeting; provided that the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this act at said meeting equals or exceeds 20% of the total vote for all candidates for governor in said town at the next previous gubernatorial election.

Reported by the Committee on Legal Affairs.

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