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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Ludwig of Hope.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-THREE

**AN ACT Relating to Election of Members of School Board in Town of
Camden.**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, bills enacted by the 96th legislature will not become effective until 90 days after adjournment; and

Whereas, the town meeting of the town of Camden takes place in March; and

Whereas, in order that the provisions of the following measure shall be submitted to the voters at the time of the annual town meeting, it is vitally necessary that the following measure be passed; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature, these facts create an emergency 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 my the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

P. & S. L., 1927, c. 101, § 2, amended. Section 2 of chapter 101 of the private and special laws of 1927, as amended by section 1 of chapter 82 of the private and special laws of 1951, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 2. Officers to be elected. At such meetings as provided in section 1, the voters shall then choose by ballot as provided by chapter 80 of the

revised statutes of 1944, 5 inhabitants of said town to be selectmen and overseers of the poor, and assessors of taxes, 1 for a term of 1 year, 2 for a term of 2 years, and 2 for a term of 3 years, and thereafter at each of said annual meetings shall elect to said board of selectmen, overseers of the poor, and assessors of taxes, for a term of 3 years each, a sufficient number of the inhabitants of said town to maintain the membership of said board at 5 in number; a treasurer, collector of taxes, clerk, auditor of accounts, and 3 5 members of the school board ~~for a term of 1 year, for a term of 2 years, and for a term of 3 years and thereafter, at each of said annual meetings, shall elect 1 said member of the school board for a term of 3 years.~~ The members of the school board elected as herein provided shall meet within 24 hours after their election and shall choose by written ballot one of their number to be chairman. The members of the school board, elected as herein provided, shall each serve for the term of 1 year unless they shall sooner be removed from office by vote of the people of the town of Camden at a special town meeting called for that purpose. In the event any of the members or all of the members of the school board should be so removed from office, the vacancies thereby created shall be filled by the election of new members at the same special town meeting, to serve the balance of the unexpired terms. All other necessary town officers, including a town manager, shall be appointed as herein provided.'

Emergency clause; effective date; referendum. In view of the emergency recited in the preamble hereof, this act shall take effect when approved, only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters of the town of Camden at the next regular town meeting. The town clerk shall prepare the required ballots on which he shall reduce the subject matter of this act to the following question:

"Shall An Act Relating to Election of Members of School Board in Town of Camden, passed by the 96th legislature, be accepted?" and the voters shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed against the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same. This act shall take effect for all the purposes hereof immediately upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal voters voting at said meeting. The result of said vote shall be declared by the municipal officers of the town of Camden and due certificate thereof filed by the town clerk with the secretary of state.