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Referred to the Committee on Towns and Counties. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Billings of Stonington.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-THREE

**AN ACT Relating to Number of Members of Superintending School
Committee of Stonington.**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, act of the legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment; and

Whereas, it is vitally necessary for the inhabitants of Stonington to vote on the following legislation at their annual town meeting; and

Whereas, it is vital to the education of the children of Stonington that the following legislation be submitted to the voters of Stonington as soon as possible; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the constitution 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. Superintending school committee of Stonington; number of members. The superintending school committee of the town of Stoning-

ton, Hancock county, shall be chosen by ballot at the town's annual meeting. The committee shall be composed of 5 members, all of whom shall be qualified electors of and remain inhabitants of the town of Stonington during their terms of office. No member of the committee shall receive any compensation for his services. The term of office shall be 3 years from the date of their election and until their successors are elected and qualified; except that at the 1st election the 2 members-elect who receive the largest number of votes cast at such election shall hold office for 3 years and the 3rd member-elect who receives the next largest number of votes cast at said election shall hold office for a term of 2 years. Vacancies arising therein shall be filled at the next annual meeting.

Sec. 2. Application. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 47 of chapter 80 of the revised statutes of 1944, if the qualified voters of the town of Stonington accept the provisions of this act at the annual town meeting in 1953, such voters at the same meeting may choose 3 additional members of the superintending school committee.

Referendum; effective date. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved, only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters of the town of Stonington at the annual town meeting in 1953, an appropriate article being 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 the act relating to number of members of superintending school committee of Stonington, 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 the vote shall be declared by the municipal officers and a certificate thereof filed with the town clerk.