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H. P. 364

House of Representatives, February 2, 1955.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Greene of Belfast.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-FIVE

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**AN ACT** Relating to the Superintending School Committee of the City of  
Belfast.

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

**P. & S. L., 1929, c. 115, Art. IV, § 1, amended.** Section 1 of article IV of chapter 115 of the private and special laws of 1929 is hereby amended to read as follows :

**'Sec. 1. Composition; eligibility; election; tenure of office; special provision.** The superintending school committee shall consist of the mayor, ex officio, and ~~ten~~ 5 other members elected ~~two~~ one from each ward by and from the inhabitants thereof. No person shall be ineligible to membership on the superintending school committee on account of sex. They shall hold office for a term of 4 years or until their successors are elected and qualified. ~~One member of the committee shall be elected from each ward at the first election held under this charter. The members of the present school committee whose offices do not expire in nineteen hundred and thirty shall continue in office until the following city election.~~ Notwithstanding the provisions of the 1st sentence of this section, at the first election held under this revision of the charter Wards 2 and 4 shall each elect one member of the school committee; and at the next succeeding city election, Wards 1, 3 and 5 shall each elect one member of the school committee. At succeeding city elections members shall be elected alternately in this manner. The 5 members of the committee serving at the time of the effective date of this charter revision shall continue to serve their respective 4-year terms. A majority of the members of the committee shall constitute a quorum at all times.'

**Referendum; effective date; certificate to Secretary of State.** This act shall take effect 90 days after adjournment of the Legislature, only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters of the city of Belfast at the next regular city election; an appropriate article being inserted in the call for such election. The city 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 the Superintending School Committee of the City of Belfast,' passed by the 97st 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 at said election, provided that the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this act equals or exceeds 20% of the total vote for all candidates for Governor in said city at the next previous gubernatorial election.

The result of the vote shall be declared by the municipal officers of the city of Belfast and due certificate thereof filed by the city clerk with the Secretary of State.