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Legislative Document

No. 368

H. P. 272

House of Representatives, January 31, 1957.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Hersey of Fort Fairfield.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-SEVEN

**AN ACT Discontinuing Bridge over Aroostook River at Fort Fairfield as a
Public Highway.**

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

Whereas, the people of Fort Fairfield should be permitted to vote upon the following legislation at their town meeting in March, 1957; 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 by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Bridge at Fort Fairfield discontinued. The bridge over the Aroostook River at Fort Fairfield, formerly part of Route 165, shall be discontinued as a public highway, and the structure shall be removed by the State Highway Commission.

Emergency clause; effective date; referendum. 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 Fort Fairfield present and voting at the annual town meeting to be held in March, 1957, or at a special town meeting called and held for the purpose not later than 4 months after the approval of this act. In the event a special meeting is called for the purpose, it shall be called, advertised and conducted according to the law relating to municipal elections; provided, however, that the board of registration shall not be required to prepare, 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 next preceding such special 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 the Act Discontinuing Bridge over Aroostook River at Fort Fairfield as a Public Highway, passed by the 98th 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 vote of the 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 equaled or exceeded 20% of the total vote for all candidates for Governor in said town at the next preceding gubernatorial election.

The result of said vote shall be declared by the municipal officers of the town of Fort Fairfield and due certificate filed by the town clerk with the Secretary of State.