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Legislative Document

No. 666

H. P. 473

House of Representatives, February 12, 1957.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Hersey of Fort Fairfield by request.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Number of Councillors in Town of Fort Fairfield.

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

P. & S. L., 1943, c. 5, § 2, repealed and replaced. Section 2 of chapter 5 of the private and special laws of 1943, as amended by chapter 63 of the private and special laws of 1955, is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Sec. 2. Election of officers. At such annual town meetings, the voters shall elect by ballot, as hereinafter provided, persons who are qualified to vote in said town to be known as councillors, a member or members of the library trustees for a term of 5 years, a member or members of the superintending school committee in accordance with the Revised Statutes of 1954 and amendments thereto, and a town clerk to serve for a term of 3 years.

Said councillors shall be 7 in number and shall be elected as follows:

At the next annual town meeting to be held in March 1958, 3 councillors shall be elected for a term of 3 years, 2 councillors for a term of 2 years and 2 councillors 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.'

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 refer-

endum. 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 Relating to Number of Councillors in Town of Fort Fairfield, 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 thereof immediately upon its acceptance by a majority 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 equals or exceeds 20% of the total vote for all candidates for Governor in said town at the next previous gubernatorial election.

The result of the vote 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.