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House of Representatives, February 26, 1957.

Received by unanimous consent. Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs.
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 Relating to Board of Trustees of Fort Fairfield School District.

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

Sec. 1. 1933, c. 99, § 2, amended. Section 2 of chapter 99 of the private and special laws of 1933 is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘**Sec. 2. How managed.** All the affairs of said district, as are herein provided, shall be managed by a board of trustees composed of 39 members who shall be elected as is hereinafter provided.’

Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1933, c. 99, § 3, repealed and replaced. Section 3 of chapter 99 of the private and special laws of 1933, as amended by section 2 of chapter 79 of the private and special laws of 1947, is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

‘**Sec. 3. Board of trustees, how constituted.** The board of trustees shall be composed of 9 members. Each member shall be elected for a term of 3 years and until his successor is elected and qualified. At the first election of members of the board of trustees after the adoption of this amendment, 9 members shall be elected; the 3 members-elect who shall receive the largest number of votes cast shall hold office for 3 years, the 3 members-elect who shall receive the 2nd largest number of votes cast shall hold for 2 years and the 3 members-elect who shall receive the 3rd largest number of votes cast shall hold office for 1 year. They shall immediately organize by the election from their own membership of a president, clerk and treasurer, adopt a corporate seal and may employ all needful officers and agents for the proper conduct and management of the affairs of the district and annually thereafter at the beginning of each municipal year the trustees shall organize as hereinbefore provided. At the close of each

fiscal year the trustees shall make a detailed report of their doings, of the financial condition of said district and the physical condition of said school building or buildings, and also such other matters and things pertaining to said district as shall show the inhabitants thereof how said trustees are fulfilling the duties and obligations of their trust, said reports to be made, attested to and filed with the municipal officers of said town.'

Referendum; effective date; certificate to Secretary of State. This act shall take effect 90 days after the adjournment of the 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 referendum. 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 prepare the required ballots, on which he shall reduce the subject matter of this act to the following question: "Shall the Act Relating to Board of Trustees of Fort Fairfield School District, 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.