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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Number of Councillors and Members of Superintending School Committee in Town of Fort Fairfield.

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

Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1943, c. 5, § 2, repealed and replaced.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5 of the private and special laws of 1943, as amended by chapter 63 of the private and special laws of 1955, is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof: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 section 2-A, 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, one councillor for a term of 2 years and one councillor for a term of one 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.'

Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1943, c. 5, § 2-A, additional. Chapter 5 of the private and special laws of 1943, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding thereto a new section, to be numbered 2-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 2-A. Superintending school committee; election; salary. The superintending school committee shall be composed of 5 in number and shall be elected as follows:

At the next annual town meeting to be held in March, 1958, one member shall be elected for a term of 3 years, one member for a term of 2 years and one member for a term of one year; and thereafter, the annual vacancies caused by the expiration of terms shall be filled for terms of 3 years. Vacancies 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. The members of the superintending school committee shall serve without compensation.'

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 one 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 questions:

I. "Shall the number of councillors in the Town of Fort Fairfield be increased to 7?"

II. "Shall the number of members of the superintending school committee in the Town of Fort Fairfield be increased to 5?"

and the voters shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed against the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same.

The provisions of this act, as they relate to each question, shall become effective only if the majority of the votes cast by the legal voters of said town is in favor of the acceptance of such question; provided that the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of each question 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.