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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Lemelin of Fairfield.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-NINE

AN ACT Changing Date of Municipal Year in Town of Fairfield.

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

Whereas, the following legislation is vitally necessary for the fiscal affairs of the Town of Fairfield to be conducted for the benefit of the inhabitants thereof; and

Whereas, the inhabitants of the Town of Fairfield should have the opportunity to vote upon the matter at the annual town meeting in March; 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:

P. & S. L., 1945, c. 47, § 1, amended. The first sentence of section 1 of chapter 47 of the private and special laws of 1945 is amended to read as follows:

'The municipal year of the Town of Fairfield shall be ~~February 1st to January 31st~~ **January 1st to December 31st.**'

Referendum; effective date; emergency clause. 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 Fairfield present and voting at the next annual town meeting 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 that the board of registration 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 2 hours next preceding such special 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 Changing Date of Municipal Year in Town of Fairfield, passed by the 99th Legislature, be accepted?" 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 the vote shall be declared by the municipal officers of the Town of Fairfield and due certificate thereof shall be filed by the town clerk with the Secretary of State.