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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

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the same. Upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal voters voting at said meeting, this act shall take effect for all the purposes hereof at the annual meeting in March 1958; provided that the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this act at said meeting equaled or exceeded 50% of the total number of the qualified voters within said territory.

The result of the vote shall be declared by the board of assessors of the plantation of Jackman, and due certificate thereof shall be filed by the plantation clerk with the Secretary of State.

Effective August 28, 1957

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## Chapter 110

### AN ACT Relating to the Maine Unitarian Association.

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

P. & S. L., 1875, c. 184, § 1, amended. Section 1 of chapter 184 of the private and special laws of 1875 is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof a new paragraph to read as follows:

'Said corporation shall be and become vested with the property and effects of any extinct or disbanded Unitarian church, parish or society within this State in trust to apply the same to pay the debts, if any, of such extinct or disbanded church, parish or society. It may use any surplus for the purposes and obligations of the corporation and may sell and convert such property and effects into money; provided, however, that in the sale and disposition of the property so devolving on the said Maine Unitarian Association, the said corporation may be deemed in respect to the right and power of possession, control, disposal and conveyance, the legal successor of such extinct or disbanded Unitarian church, parish or society; and in the case of sale of such property said Maine Unitarian Association shall apply to the Superior or the Supreme Court in Equity within the county where such property is situated for a judicial decree authorizing the sale thereof, and after such notice of said application as the Court may direct, such decree shall be authority for making such sale.'

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## Chapter 111

### 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 P. & S. L., 1943, c. 5, § 2, repealed and replaced.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 one 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

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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.

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## Chapter 112

### AN ACT Repealing the Incorporation of the Master, Wardens and Members of Freeport Lodge.

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

P. & S. L., 1824, c. 267, repealed. Chapter 267 of the private and special laws of 1824 is hereby repealed.

Effective August 28, 1957

## Chapter 113

### AN ACT Amending the Charter of the Town of Lincoln.

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

Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1939, c. 62, § 2, amended. Section 2 of chapter 62 of the private and special laws of 1939 is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 2. Election of officers. At such annual town meetings the voters shall elect by ballot as hereinafter provided, 5 inhabitants of said town to be known as councillors, and ~~a member of~~ 5 members of the superintending school committee, in accordance with the Revised Statutes of ~~1939~~ 1954 and amendments thereto, a town clerk and a town treasurer ~~and an auditor of accounts.~~

At the ~~1st~~ annual town meeting held ~~under this act~~ in March, 1958, said councillors shall be elected as follows: ~~2 for a term of 1 year, 2 for a term of 2 years, 1 for a term of 3 years~~ previously, and thereafter at each of said annual town meetings 2 councillors shall be chosen as herein provided, each for a term of 3 years, provided, however, that in each 3rd year but 1 councillor shall be chosen; and provided further, that vacancies in the office of town councillor due to death, resignation or other cause shall be filled at the next annual meeting, or a special meeting if necessary, for the unexpired term.

At said annual town meeting in 1958, one member of the superintending school committee shall be elected for a term of 3 years, one for a term of 2 years and one for a term of one year; and thereafter the annual vacancies caused by expiration of terms shall be filled for terms of 3 years. It is intended that this act shall in no way affect the present tenure of office of the present members of the superintending school committee.