

HOUSE No. 6008

By Mr. MacLean of Fairhaven, petition of Victor N. Fleurent, William Q. MacLean, Jr. and others (by vote of the town) that the town of Fairhaven be authorized to reduce the membership of the board of public works from seven members to five members. Local Affairs. [Local Approval Received.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy.

AN ACT REDUCING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS IN THE TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN FROM SEVEN TO FIVE MEMBERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 722 of the acts of 1968 is hereby
2 amended by striking out section 1 and inserting in place thereof
3 the following section:—

4 *Section 1:* There shall be established in the town of Fairhaven
5 a board of public works hereinafter called the board, consisting
6 of five members at large, to be elected at the first annual town
7 election after the passage of this act as amended. The first in
8 order of votes received of members so elected shall serve for a
9 term of five years, the second in such order shall serve for four
10 years, the third in such order shall serve for three years, the
11 fourth in such order shall serve for two years and the fifth in
12 such order shall serve for one year. Thereafter when the term of
13 any member expires, his successor shall be elected at an annual
14 town election to serve for a term of five years. In all cases, the
15 members of the board shall serve until their successors are

16 qualified. The members of the board shall after each annual town
17 election, elect from its members a chairman and a clerk for the
18 ensuing year. In case of a vacancy the board of selectmen shall,
19 within thirty days, fill such vacancy until the next town election
20 when a member or members shall be elected to fill the unexpired
21 term or terms. No person shall serve on the board who holds an
22 elected or appointed office in the town other than town meeting
23 member, and no person who is an employee of the town shall
24 serve on the board or take any other action relative thereto.

1 SECTION 2. Upon the election and qualification of the
2 members of the board of public works in accordance with the
3 provisions of section one, the term of office of all other members
4 of such board shall cease.