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I. B. 2 House of Representatives, April 17, 1941.
Bill substituted for the Report of Committee on Judiciary.
HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Elections in the City of Biddeford.

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

Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1933, c. 71, § 1, amended. Section 1 of chapter 71 of the private and special laws of 1933, as amended, is hereby repealed, and the following is enacted in place thereof :

Sec. 1. Petitions for nomination. Any and all candidates for nomination by any and all political parties, or under section 32 of chapter 7 of the revised statutes, for elective office in the city of Biddeford, for any of the following offices: mayor, councilman, member of the school board, police commissioner, warden or clerk, shall present to the city clerk at least 2 weeks before the date of the caucus a petition requesting their names to be so placed on the ballot, and only such petitions and nominations as hereinbefore referred to shall be placed on the final ballot. The city clerk is hereby prohibited from receiving said petitions or nominations within 2 weeks from the date of the caucus and of the placing on the final ballot any candidate for either of the above offices, and said city clerk is further prohibited from allowing any substitution of candidates on any petition or nomination paper unless said substitution is agreed to in writing by all the signers of said petition or nomination paper. Candidates for the following offices shall present a petition of at least the following number of names of enrolled members of the political party requesting such nomination: for

mayor, member of the school board or police commissioner, 125; for councilman, 50; for warden or clerk, 25.

Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1933, c. 71, § 2, amended. The first 2 paragraphs of section 2 of chapter 71 of the private and special laws of 1933, as amended, is hereby repealed, and the following is enacted in place thereof:

Sec. 2. General law relating to political caucuses made applicable to city of Biddeford if not inconsistent with this act; date held; enrollment, etc. Caucuses and meetings of any and all political parties as hereinbefore specified in the city of Biddeford held for the purpose of nominating candidates for whose election the charter of said city provides, and whose name shall be placed on the final ballot, shall be governed as specified in section 1, and the paragraph immediately following shall relate to any and all political parties and any and all nominations provided for by section 32 of chapter 7 of the revised statutes. Only those voters enrolled as qualified to vote in such caucuses as hereinafter provided, shall participate therein; all nominations by petition or as provided for under section 32 of chapter 7 of the revised statutes, shall be voted upon at the next municipal election, and the caucus for such candidates by petition or by said nomination papers shall be held in the several wards of the city on the 2nd Monday of December, in each year, on which day the polls will be opened at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and continue open to 8 o'clock in the evening, when they shall close.

Sec. 3. Repealing clause. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed or amended to conform herewith.