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House of Representatives, March 6, 1951

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Burkett of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-ONE

AN ACT Relative to Revision and Publication of Municipal Ordinances.

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

R. S., c. 80, § 83-B - 83-F, additional. Chapter 80 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto 5 new sections to be numbered 83-B to 83-F, inclusive, to read as follows :

'Code of Ordinances in Cities Over Fifty Thousand

Sec. 83-B. Grant of power. Any city of 50,000 or more population is hereby empowered to revise, codify and compile from time to time and to publish in book or pamphlet form all ordinances of such city of a general and permanent character and to make such changes, alterations, modifications, additions and substitutions therein as it may deem best to the end that a complete simplified code of such ordinances then in force shall be presented, but with errors, inconsistencies, repetitions and ambiguities therein eliminated.

Sec. 83-C. Arrangement of ordinances. The ordinances in such revision, codification and compilation shall be arranged in appropriate chapters, articles and sections, excluding the titles, enacting clauses, signatures of the mayor, attestations, and other formal parts.

Sec. 83-D. Repeal of conflicting provisions; title. Such revision shall be by one ordinance embracing all ordinances of a general and permanent character preserved as changed or added to and perfected by such revision, codification and compilation and shall be a repeal of all ordinances in conflict with such revision, codification and compilation, but all ordinances then in force shall continue in force after such revision, codification and compilation for the purposes of all rights acquired, fines, penalties and forfeitures and liabilities incurred and actions therefor. The only title necessary for such ordinance shall be "An ordinance for revision, codifying, and compiling the general ordinances of the city of ."

Sec. 83-E. Publication in book or pamphlet form. Such ordinances when so revised, codified, compiled and published in book or pamphlet form by authority of the city need not be printed or published in any other manner.

Sec. 83-F. Effect of code. Said code when adopted shall have the force and effect of an ordinance regularly enacted with the usual prerequisites of law; shall be admitted in evidence without further proof and shall be prima facie evidence in all courts of the existence and regularity of the enactments of the particular ordinance and of said code.'