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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
97th LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 278, L. D. 262, "An Act Amending the Charter of the City of Westbrook."

Amend said Bill by striking out all that part of Section 2 designated "Sec. 4." and inserting in place thereof the following underlined section:

" Sec. 4. Mayor, city clerk, aldermen and other officers, how elected, terms. The mayor, city clerk and three aldermen shall be elected from the citizens at large, by the legal voters of the city voting in their respective wards. Two aldermen, a warden, a ward clerk and a constable shall be elected in each ward, being residents in the ward where elected. The city council may divide any ward into two or more precincts, and in which event additional wardens, ward clerks, and constables shall be elected by each precinct from residents therein. All said officers shall be elected by a plurality of the votes given, and shall hold office for two years from the first Monday in January, and until others shall be elected and qualified in their places.

In December of 1955, one school committeeman at large and one from ward 1 shall be elected to hold office for four years. Those committeemen from wards 2 and 5 whose terms expire in 1956, will hold office until first Monday in January of 1958. In the election held December 1957, one school committeeman from each of wards 2 and 5 shall be elected to serve until the first Monday in January of 1960, and one school committeeman at large and one each from wards 3 and 4 to serve four years. Thereafter on alternate biennial elections one school committeeman at large and one each from wards 1, 2 and 5; and one at large and one each from wards 3 and 4 shall be elected to hold office for four years from the first Monday in January and until their successors have been elected and qualified. All school committeemen shall be elected from a plurality of the votes given.' "

Further amend said Bill by striking out the entire referendum at the end and inserting in place thereof the following:

"Referendum; effective date; certificate to Secretary of State. This act shall take effect 90 days after adjournment of the Legislature, only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the qualified voters of the city of Westbrook at the next regular city election to be held on the 2nd Monday in December, 1955, an appropriate article being inserted in the call for such election.

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The city clerk shall reduce the subject matter of this act to the following questions:

"1. Shall all school committeemen hold office for four years, and all other elective officers for two years?"

"2. Shall the prohibition against aldermen receiving compensation be removed?"

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 city is in favor of the acceptance of such question and provided further that the total number of votes cast for or against the acceptance of each question at said election equals or exceeds 20% of the total vote for all candidates for Governor in said city at the next previous gubernatorial election. If the amendments under question 1 are accepted, all officers elected at the city election on the 2nd Monday in December, 1955 shall hold office for 2 years from the first Monday in January, 1956, with the exception of the school committeemen who shall hold office as provided in Section 4, preceding.

The result of the vote on each question shall be declared by the municipal officers of the city of Westbrook and due certificate thereof shall be filed by the city clerk with the Secretary of State."

Reported by the Committee on Legal Affairs.

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