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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Caron of Biddeford.

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### STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-NINE

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#### **AN ACT Providing for the Appointment of a Civil Service Commission for the Police and Fire Departments of the City of Biddeford.**

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

**Sec. 1. Civil Service Commission.** A Civil Service Commission, consisting of 5 residents of the City of Biddeford, shall be appointed by the mayor of said city, as soon as may be after this act shall take effect, all of whom shall serve without pay. In the first instance, one shall be appointed for one year, one for 2 years, one for 3 years, one for 4 years and one for 5 years. At the expiration of each of said terms, a commissioner shall be appointed for a full term of 5 years. In case of any vacancy in said commission, the mayor shall appoint a member thereto for the balance of the unexpired term. The members of the commission shall be appointed from the 2 political parties receiving the largest number of votes in the last preceding city election; 3 of such members shall be from the majority party, and 2 of such members from the minority party.

**Sec. 2. Qualification.** Each member of the commission shall qualify after appointment as aforesaid by being sworn by the city clerk of said city, or by a justice of the peace, to the faithful discharge of his duties. In the event that a member qualified before a justice of the peace, a certificate thereof shall be forthwith filed by said justice with said city clerk.

**Sec. 3. Appointing power.** The commission shall have full power and authority subject to the provisions of this act, to select and appoint the members of the police and fire departments of said City of Biddeford, as hereinafter pro-

vided, and shall have such other powers as are given them by the terms of this act.

**Sec. 4. Civil service rules for police and fire departments.** The commission shall provide for a system of civil service rules for the appointment, promotion, demotion, layoff, reinstatement, suspension and removal of the members of the police and fire departments, including the chiefs of said departments, and shall administer the same. No further or other physical examination shall be required of the present members of the police or fire departments, including the chiefs of said departments, other than that to which they are now subject, and such members and chiefs shall continue in office with all the powers and duties with which they are by law vested.

**Sec. 5. Amendatory clause.** All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are repealed or amended to conform to the provisions of this act.