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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
100th LEGISLATURE

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 679, L.D. 957, Bill, "An Act Amending Charter of City of Saco."

Amend said Bill in section 2 by striking out all of that part designated "Sec. 10." and inserting in place thereof the following underlined section:

" 'Sec. 10. Civil engineer; appointment. The mayor, with the advice and consent of the council, may appoint a qualified civil engineer for a term not to exceed 5 years and at an annual compensation of not less than \$5,000 nor more than \$7,000. The duties of said engineer shall be established by ordinance.' "

Further amend said Bill in section 9 by striking out all of those parts designated "Sec. 1 and Sec. 2" and inserting in place thereof the following:

" 'Sec. 1. Superintending school committee; membership; term. The superintending school committee shall consist of 3 members elected-at-large-from-the-qualified-voters-of-the-city appointed by the mayor, with advice and consent of the city council, for a term of 3 years and until their successors are elected appointed and qualified, and not more than 2 members thereof shall belong to the same political party. The superintending school committee shall elect one of their number as chairman. All regular meetings of the committee shall be open to the public. One member is to be elected appointed each year at-the-annual-election, except as hereinafter provided in case of vacancies. No person;--however;--shall-be-ineligible-to-membership-on-the-superintending-school-committee-on-account-of-sex;--Any-member-of-the-school-board;--serving-before-the-ratification-of-this-charter; Each member of the superintending school committee at the time of the passage of this act shall complete his term on said board committee.

Sec. 2. Organization. The superintending school committee shall meet for organization on the first Tuesday of February, following-the-regular-city-election annually. The members-elect members appointed shall be sworn by a justice of the peace or the city clerk to the a faithful discharge of their duties and a record thereof made thereof. A majority of the whole number to-be-elected shall be a quorum. The committee shall elect a chairman from among their number. The superintendent of schools shall be secretary of said committee.' "

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of section 10 and inserting in place thereof the following:

"Sec. 10. P. & S.L., 1953, c. 177, Art. IX, §1, amended. The last 2 sentences of the first paragraph of section 1 of article IX of chapter 177 of the private and special laws of 1953 are amended to read as follows:

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'The council, upon approval of the issuance of said bonds or notes, shall take all necessary legal steps to submit their action to the people voters of the City of Saco at the next any general or special municipal election for ratification or rejection. No bond or note issue shall be valid unless the council's action has been ratified by the voters of the City of Saco as above provided.' "

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of the Referendum except the last 2 paragraphs and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Referendum; effective date; certificate to Secretary of State. This act shall take effect 90 days after the adjournment of the Legislature, only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters of the City of Saco at the next annual city election or at a special election to be held not later than 3 months after the effective date of this act. In the event a special election is called for the purpose, it shall be called, advertised and conducted according to the laws relating to municipal elections.

The city clerk shall prepare the required ballots, on which he shall reduce the subject matter of this act to the following questions:

1. Shall 'An Act Amending Charter of City of Saco', passed by the 100th Legislature, authorizing the mayor's salary to be increased from \$1,500 to \$2,500 per year, be accepted?
2. Shall 'An Act Amending Charter of City of Saco', passed by the 100th Legislature, authorizing the employment of a civil engineer at an annual compensation of not less than \$5,000 nor more than \$7,000, be accepted?
3. Shall 'An Act Amending Charter of City of Saco,' passed by the 100th Legislature, authorizing the city council to submit, on its own initiative, a proposition for the enactment, repeal or amendment of any ordinance, order or resolve to be voted upon at any general or special election, be accepted?
4. Shall 'An Act Amending Charter of City of Saco,' passed by the 100th Legislature, authorizing a 2-year term of office for the mayor and city council, be accepted?
5. Shall 'An Act Amending Charter of City of Saco,' passed by the 100th Legislature, providing for appointment of members of the superintending school committee, be accepted?
6. Shall 'An Act Amending Charter of City of Saco,' passed by the 100th Legislature, authorizing a referendum question on the issue of all bonds and notes, be accepted?

The qualified voters shall indicate in the usual manner their opinion of each of the aforesaid questions.

This act shall take effect for all purposes hereof immediately upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal voters voting at said election, but only if the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this act equals or exceeds 30% of the total vote for all candidates for Governor in said city at the next previous gubernatorial election.

The result of the vote shall be declared by the municipal officers of the City of Saco and due certificate thereof shall be filed by the city clerk with the Secretary of State.'

Filed by Mr. Bedard of Saco.

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