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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Lantagne of Biddeford.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SIXTY-ONE

AN ACT Increasing Compensation of Mayor and Councilmen of City of Biddeford.

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

Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1933, c. 66, § 3, amended. The 8th sentence of section 3 of chapter 66 of the private and special laws of 1933, as amended, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'The salary and compensation of the mayor shall be \$3,000 per year, which shall not be increased or diminished during his continuance in office unless by vote of the qualified electors in ward meetings called for that purpose.'

Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1933, c. 66, § 3, amended. The 10th and 11th sentences of section 3 of chapter 66 of the private and special laws of 1933, as amended, are repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Each of the councilmen shall receive \$240 annually, to be paid \$20 monthly for services as such, excepting that the councilmen serving on the Finance Committee shall receive such additional compensation as the city council may determine.'

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 legal voters of the City of Biddeford at a special election called and held for the purpose. Such special election shall be held not later than 4 months after the effective date of this act. Such special election shall be called, advertised and conducted according to the law relating to municipal elections; provided that the board of registration in said city shall

not be required to prepare for posting, nor the city clerk to post, a new list of voters, and for the purpose of registration of voters, said board shall be in session the 3 secular days next preceding such special election, the first and 2nd days thereof to be devoted to the registration of voters and the 3rd day to enable the board to verify the corrections of said list and to complete and close up their records of said sessions.

The city clerk shall prepare the required ballots on which he shall reduce the subject matter of this act to the following question: "Shall the Act Increasing Compensation of Mayor and Councilmen of City of Biddeford, passed by the 100th Legislature, be accepted?" The voters shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed against the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same.

This act shall take effect for all purposes hereof on January 1, 1962 upon its acceptance by a majority vote of the legal voters voting at said election; provided that the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this act at said election equals or exceeds 20% of the total vote for all candidates for Governor in said city at the next preceding gubernatorial election.

The result of such election shall be declared by the municipal officers of the City of Biddeford and due certificate filed by the city clerk with the Secretary of State.