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ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 124

House of Representatives, January 10, 1963

Referred to Committee on Municipal Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Cartier of Biddeford.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-THREE

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

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the 100th Legislature, by chapter 106 of the private and special laws of 1961, amended the charter of the City of Biddeford by increasing the salary of the mayor of Biddeford from \$1,500 per year to \$3,000 per year and providing compensation of \$240 annually for each member of the city council; and

Whereas, such salary increases were to become effective only after being submitted to the legal voters of the City of Biddeford at a special election to be held not later than December 11, 1961; and

Whereas, the city clerk of Biddeford was ordered to prepare the required ballots and reduce the subject matter of chapter 106 of the private and special laws of 1961 to 2 questions, one respecting the question of increasing the salary of the mayor of Biddeford and the other respecting the question of granting compensation to the members of the city council; and

Whereas, due to honest misinterpretation and oversight, such questions were not referred to a special election until December 18, 1961, and the ballots for such special election were printed containing a single question combining both the proposed salary increase for the mayor and the granting of compensation to members of the city council; and

Whereas, on December 18, 1961, the legal voters of the City of Biddeford overwhelmingly approved such proposals; and

Whereas, a serious question regarding the validity and legal sufficiency of the results of the special election held on December 18, 1961, has arisen; and

Whereas, the city council of the City of Biddeford has voluntarily ordered that no further disbursements shall be made from the treasury of the City of Biddeford increasing the salary of the mayor and granting compensation to the members of the city council; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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.'

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.'

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.