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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
101st LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 161, L. D. 223, Bill, "An Act Providing for a Council-Manager Form of Government for Town of Gorham."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of section 403 of article IV and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 403. Vacancy. If for any reason a vacancy shall exist in the membership of the superintending school committee, it shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of said committee until the next municipal election.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of that part designated "603-1" of section 603 of article VI and inserting in place thereof the following:

'603-1. Review on behalf of the assessor written applications of taxpayers for abatement and make recommendations relative thereto to the assessor.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of the 2nd paragraph of section 901 of article IX and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:

'If, within 14 days (excluding legal holidays and Sundays) after the publication of any such ordinance, resolution or vote, a petition signed by not less than 200 electors of the Town of Gorham is filed with the town clerk requesting its reference to a referendum the council shall fix the time and place of such referendum which shall be within 14 days after the filing of the petition, and notice thereof shall be given in the manner provided by law for the calling of a referendum. An ordinance, resolution or vote so referred shall take effect upon the conclusion of such referendum unless a majority of those voting thereon shall have voted in the negative; and provided that the total number of votes cast for and against equals or exceeds 20% of the total vote for all candidates for Governor cast in the Town of Gorham at the next previous gubernatorial election.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out the first and last sentences of section 902 of article IX and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Subject to the provisions of section 901, not less than 200 electors of the town may at any time petition over their personal signatures for the enactment of any proposed lawful ordinance by filing such petition, including the complete text of such ordinance, with the town clerk.'

'Such ordinance shall take effect on the 10th day after the conclusion of such referendum provided that a majority of those voting thereon, shall have voted in the affirmative; and provided that the total number of votes cast for and against equals or exceeds 20% of the

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total vote for all candidates for Governor cast in the Town of Gorham at the next previous gubernatorial election.'

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'Subject to the provisions of section 901, not less than 200 electors of the town may at any time petition over their personal signatures for the enactment of any proposed lawful ordinance by filing such petition, including the complete text of such ordinance, with the town clerk.'

'Such ordinance shall take effect on the 10th day after the conclusion of such referendum provided that a majority of those voting thereon, shall have voted in the affirmative; and provided that the total number of votes cast for and against equals or exceeds 20% of the total vote for all candidates for Governor cast in the Town of Gorham at the next previous gubernatorial election.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out the first and last sentences of section 903 of article IX and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Not less than 200 electors of the town may at any time petition, over their personal signatures, for the submission of an amendment of this charter to the next regular session of the Legislature by filing such petition at least 90 days prior to the next regular session of the Legislature including the complete text of such amendment with the town clerk.'

'The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the said next regular session of the Legislature provided that at least a majority of those voting thereon, shall have voted in the affirmative; and provided that the total number of votes cast for and against equals or exceeds 20% of the total vote for all candidates for Governor cast in the Town of Gorham at the next previous gubernatorial election.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out the last sentence of the next to the last paragraph of the referendum and inserting in place thereof the following:

'This act shall take effect for the purpose of nominating and electing officers hereunder immediately upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal voters voting at said election; provided the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this act at said meeting equaled or exceeded 20% of the total vote cast for all candidates for Governor in said town at the next preceding gubernatorial election, and for all other purposes this act shall take effect immediately following the first election held under the provisions of this charter.'

Reported by the Committee on Municipal Affairs.
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