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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 546, L. D. 762, Bill, "An Act to Increase the Term of Office of the Mayor, City Council, Board of Police and Board of Education, Warden and Ward Clerk for City of Biddeford."

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Amend said Bill by striking out all of section 1.

Further amend said Bill in that part designated "Sec. 16." of section 3 by striking out all of the last 3 underlined lines and inserting in place thereof the following:

**"and one member of the board of police, whose term of office shall be for 6 years, except as otherwise provided in section 27. Vacancies in the office of mayor or city council may also be filled at a special election, duly called by law therefor."**

Further amend said Bill in section 4 by striking out all of the last 3 underlined lines and inserting in place thereof the following:

**"board of education, whose term shall be for 4 years, one member of the board of police, whose term shall be for 6 years, except as otherwise provided in section 27, warden and ward clerk, except that no person shall hold the office of mayor for more than 2 full consecutive terms."**

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of section 6 and inserting in place thereof the following:

**"Sec. 6. P. & S. L., 1963, c. 66, § 27, repealed and replaced. Section 27 of chapter 66 of the private and special laws of 1933, as last repealed and replaced by section 1 of chapter 84 of the private and special laws of 1941, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:**

**"Sec. 27. Board of police. The administration of the police department of the City of Biddeford shall be under the jurisdiction of a board of police con-**

sisting of 3 citizens of the City of Biddeford which will constitute a board of police of said Biddeford and who shall be sworn before entering upon the duties of their office. The term of office of said members of the board of police elected after the passage and acceptance of this amendment shall be 6 years, except as otherwise provided below. The term of office of all members of said board of police shall commence on the first day of the first January following their qualifying for such office. All nominations shall be made and elections held under the laws which govern the nomination and election of the mayor and councilmen of the City of Biddeford. Nothing contained herein shall alter or in any manner change the term of office of the present members of said board of police of said City of Biddeford. Following the passage and acceptance of this amendment one member of the board of police shall be elected for a term of 6 years and one member of the board of police shall be elected for a term of 4 years. Thereafter, one member of the board of police shall be elected for a term of 6 years every 2nd year commencing after the first election held following the passage and acceptance of this amendment. The mayor of the City of Biddeford shall be an ex-officio member of the board of police for a term of one year following the passage and acceptance of this amendment, but not thereafter. Vacancies in said board of police shall be temporarily filled by the city council, and the member so chosen to fill said vacancy shall hold office until his successor is chosen at the next biennial municipal election to fill the unexpired term. The board shall annually elect one of their number chairman and one of their number clerk, who shall be sworn and shall keep a record of all proceedings, issue all notices, and attest all such papers and orders as the board directs.”

Further amend said Bill by adding at the end thereof the following Referendum:

**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 December 1, 1963. Without fail, 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, 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 prior to 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 elections in the City of Biddeford be held biennially, as provided in an act passed by the 101st Legislature?”

The voters shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed against the words “Yes” or “No” their opinion on such question.

The provisions of this act shall become effective upon the declaration of the

mayor and city council of the City of Biddeford, only if the majority of the votes cast by the legal voters of said city are in favor of the acceptance of such question and provided further that the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of such question 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.'

Further amend said Bill by renumbering the sections of said Bill to read consecutively.