

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND LEGISLATURE

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Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Secretary

Presented by Senator Smith of Cumberland.

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## STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-FIVE

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### **AN ACT Relating to Election of Council Members of the City of Portland.**

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

**P. & S. L., 1961, c. 194, Art. II, § 2, repealed and replaced.** Section 2 of Article II of chapter 194 of the private and special laws of 1961 is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

**'Sec. 2. Composition, election, tenure.** The city council shall be composed of 9 members who shall hold office for a term of 3 years and until their successors are elected and qualified. Three shall be elected at large from the registered voters of the entire city, and one shall be elected from each of the 6 districts provided for in section 1, by only the registered voters of each respective district. The candidate from each of the 6 districts must be a resident of the district in which he is a candidate and must continue to reside during his term of office.

The provisions of this section shall apply only to elections held after the adoption of this amendment and shall in no way affect the term of office of any member of the city council holding such office at the time of the adoption of this amendment.

Each member shall be entitled to receive as salary the sum of \$750 per year, payable quarterly, for all services rendered, and shall not be eligible during the term for which he was elected for any other office, the salary of which is payable by the city, nor to hold the office of city manager, nor to act as city manager, nor shall he during such term hold any such office.'

**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 Portland at the next

regular municipal election therein to be held on the first Monday in December, 1965. For the purposes of such election, the city clerk shall reduce the subject matter of this Act to the following question: "Shall 'An Act Relating to Election of Council Members of City of Portland,' passed by the 102nd Legislature, be approved?"

The voters shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed within a square upon their ballots against the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same. This Act shall take effect for all the purposes hereof immediately upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal voters voting at such election; provided the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this Act equals or exceeds 20% of the total number of votes cast for all candidates for Governor in said city at the next preceding gubernatorial election.

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