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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1087, L.D. 1475, Bill, "An Act to Grant a New Charter to City of Biddeford."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of section 103 of Article I and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 103. Mayor and city council. The administration of all the fiscal, prudential and municipal affairs of the City of Biddeford with the government thereof, subject only to the limitations imposed by the Constitution and laws of the State and by this charter, shall be vested in one principal magistrate, to be styled the mayor, who shall execute the laws and administer the government of the city, and one board of 11 councilmen which shall constitute and be called the city council and which shall exercise all legislative powers of said city and determine policies.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of section 301 of Article III and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 301. Composition and qualifications. The city council shall be composed of 11 members, all inhabitants of the city and registered voters therein, 4 of which number shall be chosen at large by the electors of the entire city and 7 of which number shall be chosen by and from the electors of each ward established as herein provided, all of whom shall be sworn to the faithful performance of the duties of their office. Any councilman chosen by the electors of an individual ward shall continue to be a resident of that ward during his term of office, and, upon failure to so reside in any such ward, his office shall be declared vacant. In the event that 2 or more individuals nominated or elected for the office of councilmen-at-large are residents of the same ward that individual receiving the greatest number of votes shall be considered the only duly nominated or elected candidate for the office from that ward.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of section 902 of Article IX and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 902. General elections. On the 2nd Monday in November following the passage and acceptance of this Act, the qualified electors of each ward shall ballot for a warden and ward clerk and one councilman, all residents of the said ward, a mayor, 4 councilmen-at-large, 3 members of the board of education and any vacancies in any unexpired terms of office. On the 2nd Monday in November of every 2nd year following the first election held under this charter, the qualified electors of each ward shall ballot for a warden and ward clerk and one councilman, all residents of the said ward, a mayor, 4 councilmen-at-large, such

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members of the board of education as may be necessary to fill the office of those whose terms would then expire and any vacancies in any unexpired terms of office.'

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of the next to the last sentence of section 907 of Article IX and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Candidates for the following offices shall present a primary petition of at least the following number of names of enrolled members of the political party requesting such nomination:

For mayor and member of the board of education, 125; for councilmen-at-large, 50; for ward councilman, 25; for warden and ward clerk, 20.'

Filed by Mr. Nadeau of Biddeford.

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