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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

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S. P. 111

In Senate, January 19, 1967

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

JERROLD B. SPEERS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Farley of York.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Increasing Salary of Mayor and Councilmen and Relating to City Council of City of Biddeford.

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

Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1933, c. 66, § 2, amended. The first sentence of section 2 of chapter 66 of the private and special laws of 1933 is amended to read as follows:

The administration of all the fiscal, prudential and municipal affairs of said city, with the government thereof except the department of education and police administration, shall be vested in one principal magistrate, to be styled the mayor; and one board of ~~++~~ 7 councilmen, all residents of the City of Biddeford; 1 councilman from each of the 7 existing wards of the city ~~and 1 from the city at large, and not more than 2 councilmen from any 1 ward~~; and which board shall constitute and be called the city council, all of whom shall be sworn to the faithful performance of the duties of their respective offices.

Sec. 2. 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 is amended to read as follows:

The salary and compensation of the mayor shall be ~~\$1,500~~ \$3,500 per year, which shall not be increased or diminished during his continuance in office, unless by the vote of the qualified electors in ward meetings called for that purpose.

Sec. 3. P. & S. L., 1933, c. 66, § 3, amended. The 3rd sentence from the end of section 3 of chapter 66 of the private and special laws of 1933, as amended by chapter 85 of the private and special laws of 1935, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

The councilmen shall receive \$15 compensation for each regular meeting attended and \$10 for each special meeting attended, and no councilman shall receive more than \$300 in any one fiscal year for such attendance.

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 to be called and held for that purpose not later than 60 days after the effective date of this Act. 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 of Biddeford shall not be required to prepare for posting, 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 lists and to complete and close up their records of said sessions.

The city clerk shall prepare the required ballots, upon which no other questions shall be printed, and on which he shall reduce the subject matter of this Act to the following questions:

“Shall the number of councilmen for the City of Biddeford be decreased from 11 to 7?”

“Shall the salary of the mayor of the City of Biddeford be increased from \$1,500 to \$3,500?”

“Shall councilmen receive compensation for attendance at meetings?” and the voters shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed against the words “Yes” or “No” their opinion of the same.

The provisions of this Act, as they relate to each question, shall become effective only if the majority of the votes cast by the legal voters of said city is in favor of the acceptance of such question; provided that the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of each question at said election equals or exceeds 20% of the total vote for all candidates for Governor in said city at the next previous gubernatorial election. The result of the vote on each question shall be declared by the municipal officers of the City of Biddeford and due certificate thereof shall be filed by the city clerk with the Secretary of State.