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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, January 25, 1967

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BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Bedard of Saco.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Amend the Charter of the City of Saco.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Federal Government through Congress has made available funds for public improvements and construction of same; and

Whereas, the City of Saco is presently under a pollution abatement order issued to the city requiring that necessary facilities be operable by January 1, 1968; and

Whereas, unless the City of Saco is in a position to apply for and accept such funds for its community improvements, it will suffer penalties; and

Whereas, the following legislation is vitally necessary to aid the economy and general welfare of the City of Saco; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

P. & S. L., 1953, c. 177, Art. IX, § 1, amended. The last 2 sentences of the first paragraph of section 1 of Article IX of chapter 177 of the private and special laws of 1953, as amended by chapter 99 of the private and special laws of 1963, are repealed as follows:

The council, upon approval of the issuance of said bonds or notes, shall take all necessary legal steps to submit their action to the people of Saco for ratification or rejection at the next general municipal election or at a special election that shall be called, advertised and conducted according to the laws relating to municipal elections, but the total number of votes cast for ratification and rejection at said special election must equal or exceed 20% of the total vote for all candidates for mayor in the next previous municipal election. No bond or note issue shall be valid unless the council's action has been ratified by the voters of Saco as above provided.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.