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# ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD LEGISLATURE

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BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Truman of Biddeford.

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## STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT to Provide for Electing the Civil Service Commission for the Fire Department of City of Biddeford.**

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

**P. & S. L., 1961, c. 171, § 1, amended.** The first paragraph of section 1 of chapter 171 of the private and special laws of 1961 is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

A civil service commission, consisting of 3 residents and voters of Biddeford, shall be elected. Each member shall receive as compensation \$100 per year. The members shall hold no other elective or appointive city office. Members shall serve for a term of 3 years or until their successors have been elected and qualified. All nominations shall be made and elections held under the laws which govern the nomination and election of mayor and councilmen of said Biddeford, provided that after the acceptance of this section, the mayor shall appoint, subject to the confirmation of the city council, 3 citizens as temporary members of the commission to hold office until the members first elected under this section qualify. At the first municipal election held after the acceptance of this section, 3 members of the commission shall be elected; the one receiving the largest number of votes for a 3-year term, the one receiving the next largest number of votes for a 2-year term, and the one receiving the next largest number of votes for a one-year term. Thereafter, one member shall be elected annually to serve for a 3-year term. Vacancies in said commission shall be temporarily filled by the city council and the member so chosen to fill said vacancy shall hold office until the first day of January following and at the next annual municipal election occurring after said vacancy exists, a member shall be elected to serve during the remainder of the term.

**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, present and voting at an election to be held in December, 1967, or at such other times during 1967 as the city council may determine. Such election shall be called, advertised and conducted according to the law relating to municipal elections; provided that the board of registration of the City of Biddeford 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 preceding such election, the first 2 days thereof to be devoted to the registration of voters, and the last day to enable the board to verify the corrections of said lists and to complete and close up its records of said sessions. A check list shall be used at such election.

The city clerk shall prepare the required ballots on which he shall reduce the subject matter of this Act to the following question: "Shall the Act to Provide for Electing the Civil Service Commission for the Fire Department of the City of Biddeford, passed by the 103rd Legislature, be accepted?" The voters shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed 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 said election; provided that the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this Act 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 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.