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ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD LEGISLATURE

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BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Bedard of Saco.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT Relating to Referendum for Ordinances and Orders in City of Saco.**

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

Whereas, in order to protect the inhabitants of the City of Saco from changes in the city charter of which they may not be aware, the following legislation is vitally necessary; 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. V, amended.** The 2nd and 3rd paragraphs of Article V of chapter 177 of the private and special laws of 1953 are repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

If, before said ordinance, order or resolve becomes effective, as hereinbefore provided, a petition with the title and the ordinance, order or resolve at the top thereof and signed by not less than 300 qualified voters of Saco shall be filed in the office of the city clerk, the ordinance, order or resolve shall immediately be suspended and the city council, upon their warrants for the next annual election, shall provide for said ordinance, order or resolve to go to referendum.

**Upon a majority of the votes cast in the affirmative for said ordinance, order or resolve, it shall take effect immediately.**

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