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BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Hinds of South Portland.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-EIGHT

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**AN ACT Relating to Date for Electing New School Board Members in City of South Portland.**

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

Whereas, the 103rd Legislature in regular session, by chapter 36 of the private and special laws of 1967, increased the board of education in the City of South Portland from 5 to 7 members; and

Whereas, through error no provision was made for the election of the new members of said board of education; and

Whereas, the following legislation is vitally necessary to correct said error and to prevent undue hardship and confusion in the educational process in the City of South Portland, and

Whereas, in the judgement 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., 1963, c. 162, Art. IX, § 901, repealed and replaced.** Section 901 of Article IX of chapter 162 of the private and special laws of 1963, as repealed and replaced by section 4 of chapter 36 of the private and special laws of 1967, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

901. **Board of education.** The department of education shall be administered by a board of education, called the "school board", which shall consist of 7 members, one from each voting district, 2 members to be elected at large, elected in a city-wide election. The 2 at large members shall be elected at the June primary election following the effective date of this Act. Members must be qualified electors of the city and residents of the districts from which they are elected and remain inhabitants of the city during their term of office. The term of office shall be for 3 years and until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

The present members shall continue in office until their respective terms expire. It is the intent and purpose of this charter that present members of the school board shall remain in office and upon completion of their terms of office, their successors will be elected as provided for in this charter.

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