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# ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 673**

S. P. 217

In Senate, February 6, 1969

On Motion of Senator Gordon of Cumberland. Reference reconsidered subsequently. Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

JERROLD B. SPEERS, Secretary

Presented by Senator Gordon of Cumberland.

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## STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-NINE

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### **AN ACT Providing for a Seven Member Council for the city of Westbrook.**

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

**Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1907, c. 257, § 2, amended.** Section 2 of chapter 257 of the private and special laws of 1907, as repealed and replaced by section 1 of chapter 36 of the private and special laws of 1955, is amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 2. Mayor; city council; school committee.** The government of said city, with the administration of all its fiscal, prudential and municipal affairs shall be vested in one principal magistrate, to be called the mayor, and in one council of ~~thirteen~~ 7, to be called the city council, the members thereof to be called aldermen. The general management and control of the public schools and of the school property, buildings and grounds, including insurance and repairs on buildings, shall be vested in a school committee of 7, the members thereof to be called school committeemen.

**Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1907, c. 257, § 4, amended.** The first 2 sentences of section 4 of chapter 257 of the private and special laws of 1907, as repealed and replaced by section 2 of chapter 36 of the private and special laws of 1955, are amended to read as follows:

The mayor, city clerk and ~~three~~ 2 aldermen shall be elected from the citizens at large, by the legal voters of the city voting in their respective wards. ~~Two aldermen~~ One alderman, a warden, a ward clerk and a constable shall be elected in each ward, being residents in the ward where elected.

**Sec. 3. P. & S. L., 1907, c. 257, § 10, amended.** The 6th sentence of section 10 of chapter 257 of the private and special laws of 1907 is amended to read as follows:

The president may be removed from office by the affirmative vote of ~~ten~~ 5 members of the city council taken by roll call.

**Sec. 4. P. & S. L., 1907, c. 257, § 14, amended.** The 2nd sentence of section 14 of chapter 257 of the private and special laws of 1907 is amended to read as follows:

A standing committee of ~~five~~ 3 members of the city council shall be appointed by its president, whose duty it shall be to lay out, alter, widen or discontinue any street or way in said city, first giving notice of the time and place of their proceedings to all parties interested, as now required by law in case of town ways.

**Sec. 5. P. & S. L., 1907, c. 257, § 14, amended.** The 6th sentence of section 14 of chapter 257 of the private and special laws of 1907 is repealed as follows:

~~No standpipe for the purpose of supplying street sprinkling carts shall be placed in any public square or street, without the express consent thereto of the owner or owners, of the adjacent land, first obtained.~~

**Referendum; effective date.** This Act shall take effect 90 days after the adjournment of the Legislature, but only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters of the City of Westbrook at the regular city election to be held on the first Tuesday of November, 1969. The vote shall be taken by ballot at said election in answer to the question:

“Shall An Act to Amend the Charter of the City of Westbrook Providing a Seven Member City Council, as passed by the 104th Legislature, be accepted?”

This Act shall be printed on the official ballots, and at said election the voters of said city in favor of accepting this Act shall vote “Yes” and those opposed shall vote “No”. Otherwise, said ballot shall be in the form provided by law when a constitutional amendment is submitted to the vote of the people.

If adopted by the voters of the City of Westbrook, then it shall take effect the first Tuesday of November, 1971 for the purpose of electing municipal officers, and for other purposes the first Monday in January of 1972.