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ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1278

H. P. 994

House of Representatives, March 11, 1969

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Bedard of Saco.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-NINE

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

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

Sec. 1. 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 The 2nd and 3rd paragraphs of Article V of chapter 177 of the private and special laws of 1953 are repealed and the following enacted in place thereof :

Upon completion of the 2nd reading of any ordinance and the vote taken thereon, any citizen may prepare a petition with the title and the ordinance at the top thereof and will be allowed to circulate said petition for any interested citizen to sign.

If, within 30 days from completion of the 2nd reading of any ordinance, at least 300 qualified voters of Saco shall sign the said petition, the ordinance shall immediately be suspended and the city council, upon their warrants for a municipal election, shall provide for said ordinance to go to referendum. Upon a majority of the votes cast in the affirmative for said ordinance, it shall take effect immediately.

Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1953, c. 177, Art. X, § 9, amended. Section 9 of Article X of chapter 177 of the private and special laws of 1953 is amended by adding at the end, a new sentence, as follows :

No change to this charter shall be valid unless ratified by the voters of Saco at general municipal elections.

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 Saco at a

special election to be held on Monday, October 6, 1969, or at the next regular state-wide election. Such special election shall be called, advertised and conducted according to the law relating to municipal elections; provided that the board of registration in said City of Saco shall not be required to prepare, nor the city clerk to post, a new list of voters.

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 Amend the Charter of the City of Saco, passed by the 104th 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 vote 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 equaled or exceeded 20% of the total vote for all candidates for Governor in said city at the next preceding gubernatorial election.

The result of such election shall be declared by the municipal officers of the City of Saco and due certificate thereof shall be filed by the city clerk with the Secretary of State.