

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1085

S. P. 366

In Senate, March 2, 1981

Referred to the Committee on Local and County Government. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator Trotzky of Penobscot.

Cosponsor: Representative Kelleher of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

AN ACT to Permit the City of Bangor to Increase the Number of Members on the Bangor School Committee.

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

Sec. 1. Authorization. The City of Bangor, hereinafter called "the City" is authorized to amend its charter to increase the number of members on the Bangor School Committee, subject to the terms and conditions set forth.

Sec. 2. Proposed change. The language to be voted on, and included in the charter, if accepted by a majority, shall be the following, which will repeal and replace section 2 of Article II-A of the charter:

Sec. 2. Composition, election, tenure of office. The Superintending School Committee shall consist of 7 members to be elected, at large, by popular vote of the qualified voters of the City of Bangor. Those members of the committee holding office at the time this amendment takes effect shall serve until their terms expire and their successors are duly elected and qualified. The remaining 2 positions shall be filled at a special election to be held not more than 90 days after the effective date of this amendment. The candidate accruing the largest total of votes at that municipal election shall be elected to serve until the first Monday in November, 1984, and the candidate receiving the next to the largest total number of votes shall be elected to serve until the first Monday in November, 1983. Thereafter, at each regular municipal election the qualified voters of the City

shall ballot for candidates for office on the committee whose terms expire that year. All members of the Superintending School Committee shall serve for terms of 3 years and until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

Sec. 3. Referendum. This Act shall not take effect unless approved by the legal voters of the City of Bangor at the next regular City election or at a special election to be called and held for such purposes within 3 months after adoption of this Act by the Legislature. The City clerk shall prepare the required ballots, on which the following question shall be stated:

“Shall the Charter be amended to increase the size of the Bangor School Committee from 5 to 7 members, as authorized by the Legislature?”

This Act shall take effect for the purposes hereof immediately upon acceptance by a majority vote of the legal voters voting at that election. The result of such election shall be declared by the municipal officers of the City of Bangor and a due certificate thereof shall be filed by the City clerk with the Secretary of State.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The bill permits the City of Bangor to amend its Charter to increase the size of the school committee from 5 to 7.