

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 267

House of Representatives, Feb. 27, 1919.

Reported by Mr. Murchie from Committee on Judiciary and
ordered printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Murchie of Calais.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND NINETEEN

AN ACT to Amend the Charter of the City of Calais Providing
for Biennial Elections.

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

Section 1. The municipal election for the choice of mayor,
2 aldermen, constables of the city of Calais and wardens and
3 ward clerks of the several wards in said city shall be held
4 once in two years instead of annually beginning with the
5 year nineteen hundred twenty-one and all officers chosen
6 by vote of the electors shall, beginning with the year nine-
7 teen hundred twenty-one, hold office for a term of two
8 years. Any officer chosen at a special election to fill a
9 vacancy shall hold his office during the unexpired term

10 and until his successor is elected and qualified in his place.

Sect. 2. Section one of this act shall take effect only
2 when accepted, as hereinafter provided, by the electors of
3 said city qualified to vote in a municipal election. Said
4 section shall be submitted to be voted upon by the qualified
5 electors of said city at the regular annual election to be
6 held on the first Monday of April, nineteen hundred twenty.
7 Said election shall be called, advertised and conducted ac-
8 cording to the law relating to municipal elections in said
9 city. The ballots to be used in said election shall be in
10 such form as to permit said first section of this act to be
11 voted upon by an expression of the voter's opinion on the
12 following question :

Shall the municipal elections in the city of Calais for the
2 election of the mayor and the ward officers be held bien-
3 nially beginning with the year nineteen hundred twenty-
4 one?

Opposite and to the right of said question shall be printed
2 the two words "Yes" and "No" with the usual squares in
3 which the voter is to mark in the manner required by law
4 to express his opinion. Other brief and suitable explana-
5 tions of the subject matter submitted may be printed on
6 the ballots which in other respects shall conform with all
7 the requirements of law. If said section shall receive more
8 affirmative than negative votes at said election it shall be
9 deemed to have been accepted and shall thereupon be in
10 full force and effect. The result of said election shall be

11 declared by the mayor and aldermen, and due certificate
12 thereof filed with the city clerk and with the secretary of
13 state. A printed copy of the full text of this act shall be
14 posted with each notice of said election, and two copies
15 shall be kept posted in each voting place in said city during
16 said election.

Sect. 3. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith,
2 and all provisions of the charter and ordinances of said
3 city of Calais inconsistent with this act are hereby modi-
4 fied so as to conform with the provisions of this act; but
5 this section shall take effect as to the subject matter cov-
6 ered in section one of this act only when said section shall
7 be finally accepted by the electors of said city of Calais
8 as provided in section two.