

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 83

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House of Representatives, Feb. 9, 1923.

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

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Beckett of Calais.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THREE

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

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

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

10 cancy shall hold his office during the unexpired term and  
11 until his successor is elected and qualified in his place.

Sect. 2. *Referendum provision; form of question; how*  
2 *ballots shall be made up, etc.* Section one of this act shall  
3 take effect only when accepted, as hereinafter provided, by  
4 the electors of said city qualified to vote in a municipal  
5 election. Said section shall be submitted to be voted upon  
6 by the qualified electors of said city at the regular annual  
7 election to be held on the first Monday of April, nineteen  
8 hundred and twenty-four. Said election shall be called,  
9 advertised and conducted according to the law relating to  
10 municipal elections in said city. The ballots to be used in  
11 said election shall be in such form as to permit said first  
12 section of this act to be voted upon by an expression of the  
13 voter's opinion on the following question: "Shall the municipi-  
14 pal elections in the city of Calais for the election of the  
15 mayor and the ward officers be held biennially beginning  
16 with the year nineteen hundred and twenty-five?" Opposite  
17 and to the right of said question shall be printed the two  
18 words "Yes" and "No" with the usual squares in which the  
19 voter is to mark in the manner required by law to express  
20 his opinion. Other brief and suitable explanations of the  
21 subject matter submitted may be printed on the ballots  
22 which in other respects shall conform with all the require-  
23 ments of law. If said section shall receive more affirma-  
24 tive than negative votes at said election it shall be deemed  
25 to have been accepted and shall thereupon be in full force

26 and effect. The result of said election shall be declared by  
27 the mayor and aldermen, and due certificate thereof filed  
28 with the city clerk and with the secretary of state. A  
29 printed copy of the full text of this act shall be posted with  
30 each notice of said election, and two copies shall be kept  
31 posted in each voting place in said city during said election.

Sect. 3. *Inconsistent statutes modified to conform.* All  
2 acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith, and all provi-  
3 sions of the charter and ordinances of said city of Calais  
4 inconsistent with this act are hereby modified so as to con-  
5 form with the provisions of this act; but this section shall  
6 take effect as to the subject matter covered in section one  
7 of this act only when said section shall be finally accepted  
8 by the electors of said city of Calais as provided in section  
9 two.