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CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relative to the Salary of the Mayor of the City of
Augusta.

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

Section 1. Section three of chapter seventy-five of the
2 private and special laws of nineteen hundred and nineteen
3 is hereby amended by striking out the word "five" in the
4 twentieth line thereof and inserting the word 'fifteen' in
5 the place thereof and further by striking out the words
6 "which shall not be increased or diminished during his con-
7 tinuance in office, unless by vote of the qualified electors
8 in ward meetings called for that purpose,' in the twenty-
9 first, twenty-second and twenty-third lines thereof, so that
10 said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 3. The mayor of said city shall be the chief execu-

2 tive magistrate thereof. It shall be his duty to be vigilant
3 and active in causing the laws and regulations of the city
4 to be executed and enforced, to exercise a general super-
5 vision over the conduct of all subordinate officers, and to
6 cause their violations or neglect of duty to be punished.
7 He shall appoint all city officers, except those that are re-
8 quired by law to be elected by the qualified electors of said
9 city or of the several wards in said city or to be appointed
10 or employed by authority of the board of education and
11 may remove city officers so appointed by him, for cause. He
12 shall exercise the same power of appointment to fill a va-
13 cancy in any appointive city office. He may call special
14 meetings of the board of aldermen and common council,
15 or either of them, when in his opinion the interests of the
16 city require it, by a notice in one or more of the papers
17 printed in the city, or by causing a summons or notification
18 to be given in hand or left at the usual dwelling place of
19 each member of the board or boards to be convened. He
20 shall from time to time communicate to both of them such
21 information and recommend such measures as the business
22 and interests of the city may in his opinion require. He
23 shall preside in the board of aldermen and in the joint meet-
24 ings of the two boards, but shall have only a casting vote.
25 The salary and compensation of the mayor shall be fifteen
26 hundred dollars per year. Nor shall he receive from the
27 city any other compensation for any services by him ren-
28 dered in any other capacity or agency; but the aldermen
29 and common council shall not be entitled to receive any sal-

30 ary or compensation for any services by them performed
31 as such.'

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 any general election or at the next
6 regular municipal election to be held in said city, which-
7 ever may first be held. Said election shall be called, ad-
8 vertised and conducted according to the law relating to such
9 elections in said city. The ballots to be used in said election
10 shall be in such form as to permit said first section of this
11 act to be voted upon by an expression of the voter's opinion
12 on the following question: "Shall the mayor's salary be in-
13 creased to fifteen hundred dollars?" Opposite and to the
14 right of said question shall be printed the two words "Yes"
15 and "No" with the usual squares in which the voter is to
16 mark in the manner required by law to express his opinion.
17 Other brief and suitable explanations of the subject mat-
18 ter submitted may be printed on the ballots which in other
19 respects shall conform with all the requirements of law. If
20 said section shall receive more affirmative than negative
21 votes at said election it shall be deemed to have been ac-
22 cepted and shall thereupon be in full force and effect. The
23 result of said election shall be declared by the mayor and
24 aldermen, and due certificate thereof filed with the city
25 clerk and with the secretary of state.