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EIGHTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 214

House of Representatives, Jan. 27, 1931.

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Duquette of Biddeford.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Abolish the Common Council of the City of
Biddeford.

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

Section 1. P. and S. Laws, 1855, Chap. 408, Section 2; relating to incorporation of the city of Biddeford, amended. Section two of chapter four hundred and eight of the private and special laws of the state of Maine of the year eighteen hundred and fifty-five, is hereby amended, by striking out in the fourth and fifth lines of said section two, the words "and one common council of twenty-one, to be denominated the common council", and by striking out of the sixth line of said section two the word "boards" and inserting in place thereof the word 'board'; and by inserting after the word "offices" in the eighth line of said section two, the words, 'all powers now vested in the common council, or jointly in said common council and the board of aldermen, by said chapter four hundred and eight of the private and special laws of Maine, for the year eighteen hundred and fifty-five, and acts amendatory thereof and additional thereto, shall vest in the city council as hereinbefore provided', so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 2. The administration of all the fiscal, prudential and municipal affairs, of said city, with the government thereof, shall be vested in one principal magistrate, to be styled

the mayor; and one council of seven, to be denominated the board of aldermen; all of whom shall be inhabitants of said city, which board shall constitute and be called the city council; all of whom shall be sworn to the faithful performance of the duties of their respective offices; all powers now vested in the common council, or jointly in said common council and the board of aldermen, by said chapter four hundred and eight of the private and special laws of Maine, for the year eighteen hundred and fifty-five, and acts amendatory thereof and additional thereto; shall vest in the city council as hereinbefore provided; provided, the city council shall not vote, assess or appropriate any money for any object or purpose for which the town of Biddeford is not authorized to vote, assess or appropriate money, except for such purposes as are authorized by this act. And provided, further, that neither the city council, nor any agent or officer of the city, shall borrow or hire any money for or on account of the city, or inhabitants thereof, except for the purposes for which the town of Biddeford is now by law authorized to raise money; and all notes, bonds, obligations, scrip or orders given by the city council or any officer or agent thereof, for money or property obtained for any other purposes, shall be void.'

Sect. 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.