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H. P. 106

House of Representatives, Dec. 8, 1933.

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Stern of Biddeford.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND  
THIRTY-THREE

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**AN ACT Relating to the Election of Delegates and Alternates to Party  
Conventions in the City of Biddeford.**

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**Emergency Preamble.** Whereas, the amendment to the election laws of the city of Biddeford passed by the 86th legislature did not adequately prepare for the election of delegates to party conventions, and it is now impossible to elect delegates properly; and

Whereas, the city of Biddeford would not be represented in the respective party conventions if the following amendment is not made; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature these facts create an emergency within the meaning of section 16 of Article XXXI of the constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, now, therefore.

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

**Sec. 1. P. & S. L. 1933, c. 71, § 5, amended.** Section 5 of chapter 71 of the private and special laws of 1933 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**‘Sec. 5. City committees.** Any political party in the city of Biddeford ~~entitled to choose delegates to the state convention of their party~~ shall at the caucus called to nominate candidates for municipal officers elect

~~such delegates to said convention and~~ its city committee. The city committee so elected shall hold office for a term of 1 year from the date of the election. The said city committees shall consist of 11 members; 1 from each ward who shall be resident therein, and 4 members at large, who shall be resident in the city. Any vacancies occurring in the committees shall be filled by the committee, but if the committeeman to be elected is a ward representative, he shall be a resident of that particular ward. ~~In case any delegate to a state convention does not or is unable to attend the said convention, the city committee shall fill that vacancy by appointment.~~

Whenever ballots are used at caucuses for election of municipal officers, the names of candidates for ~~delegates to conventions and~~ city committee membership shall appear on a ballot separate from that used for municipal officers.'

**Sec. 2. P. & S. L. 1933, c. 71, amended.** Chapter 71 of the private and special laws of 1933 is hereby amended by changing the number of section 6 to section 7 and by enacting a new section 6 to read as follows:

**'Sec. 6. Delegates to state conventions.** Delegates to the state convention of political parties shall be elected at caucuses held in the city hall which shall be called by the respective chairmen of the city committees of the various political parties. The said city committees shall fix the date and the time of the caucus and shall post 7 days' notice for their political party and shall prepare the rules to govern the conduct of said caucuses. The check lists of registered and enrolled voters of the city shall be used in checking the voting.'

**Emergency Clause.** In view of the emergency created as recited in the preamble this act shall take effect when approved.