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EIGHTY - SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 594

House of Representatives, January 29, 1935.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Fortin of Lewiston.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Terms and Salaries of City of Lewiston Officials.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the present method of electing officials of the city of Lewiston has caused great dissatisfaction among the citizens of the city; and

Whereas, the present method of electing said officials is too expensive; and

Whereas, it is necessary for the city to function as economically as possible; and

Whereas, if this act does not effect at once, the savings contemplated by this act will be delayed for another year; 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 the state 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. Terms of office of certain officials increased. The mayor, members of the board of aldermen, elective members of the city government,

and members of the school board in the city of Lewiston shall be elected hereafter for a period of 2 years.

Sec. 2. Salary of mayor. The salary of the mayor of Lewiston shall be regulated by the mayor and board of aldermen as provided by law, but shall not exceed \$3000 per year.

Sec. 3. Amending clause. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed or amended to conform with the provisions hereof.

Sec. 4. Referendum; date of meeting; form of question; procedure. This act shall be submitted for approval or rejection to the qualified voters of the city of Lewiston at the regular election to be held the 1st Monday in March in the year A. D. 1935, and warrants shall be issued for such election in the manner now provided by law for the holding of municipal elections, notifying and warning the qualified voters of said city to meet in the several ward meetings of said city, there to cast their ballot concerning the acceptance of this act for the city of Lewiston. The vote shall be taken by ballot at said election in answer to the question: "Shall an act passed by the legislature in the year 1935, entitled 'An Act Relating to Terms and Salaries of City of Lewiston Officials', be accepted?" Which shall be printed on the official ballots and at said election the voters of said city in favor of accepting this act shall vote "Yes" and those opposed shall vote "No."

Otherwise said ballot shall be in the form provided by law when a constitutional amendment is submitted to the vote of the people. The provisions of law relating to the preparation of voting lists for municipal elections shall apply to such election and said election shall in all other respects be conducted by law, and the results thereof shall be determined in the manner now provided by law for the determination of the election of mayor. If a majority of the valid ballots cast as aforesaid shall favor accepting the same, then this act shall forthwith take effect as herein provided.

Sec. 5. Date when effective. So much of this act as authorizes the submission of the acceptance of this act to the voters of the city of Lewiston shall take effect immediately by virtue of the emergency cited in the preamble hereof, but it shall not take further effect unless adopted by the voters of the city of Lewiston, and then at the election to be held in 1936.