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H. P. 1176

House of Representatives, February 4, 1941.

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and 750 copies ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Sleeper of Rockland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to the Charter of the City of Rockland.

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

Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1923, c. 106, § 14, amended. Section 14 of chapter 106 of the private and special laws of 1923 is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

‘Sec. 14. Superintending school committee, powers and duties; vacancies. The affairs of the department of education shall be administered by a board of education of 5 members, together with the mayor, who shall serve as chairman, ex officio. Said board may have all the powers conferred and shall perform all the duties imposed by law upon superintending school committees.

As soon as may be, following acceptance and ratification of this act by the qualified voters of said city, the mayors shall appoint by and with the consent of the city council the several members of said board for terms of 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 years respectively and shall appoint annually thereafter, one member of said board for a term of 5 years. Said appointees shall take office forthwith. Vacancies occurring shall be filled by the mayor for the unexpired term; provided that if no appointment shall have been

made for the period of one month after such vacancy shall occur it shall be filled by vote of the remaining members of said board.

They shall have control and management of all school buildings and lots and shall be charged with their repairs and maintenance, but only while such buildings are used for school purposes. They may employ a superintendent of schools and such janitors, truant officers, directors of recreational activities and other agents and employees as they deem necessary, prescribe their duties, fix their compensation, and terminate their employment at pleasure.'

Sec. 2. Ratification. This act shall take effect on its approval by the governor for the purpose of its approval or rejection by the qualified voters of the city of Rockland at any regular election or any special election called for that purpose, and the 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 ballots for the approval or rejection of this act. The question proposed on said ballot shall be substantially in the following form: "Shall an act passed by the legislature in the year 1941 approved (insert date) entitled 'An Act Relating to the Charter of the City of Rockland' be accepted?" Otherwise said ballot shall be in 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 as municipal elections in said city are now conducted by law, and the result thereof shall be determined in the manner now provided by law for the determination of the election of mayor. If a majority of the ballots deposited as aforesaid shall reject, this act shall not go into effect, but if a majority of the electors voting at said ward meetings shall approve, then this act shall take effect as herein provided.