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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. Shesong of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to the City Charter of Portland.

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

Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1923, c. 109, Art. II, § 1, amended. The 1st paragraph of section 1 of Article II of chapter 109 of the private and special laws of 1923 is hereby amended to read as follows:

'The administration of all the fiscal, prudential, and municipal affairs of said city, with the government thereof, except the general management, care, conduct and control of the schools of said city which shall be vested in a school committee as hereinafter provided, and also except as otherwise provided by this charter, shall be and are vested in one body of ~~five~~ **9** members, which shall constitute and be called the city council, all of whom shall be inhabitants of said city, and shall be sworn in the manner hereinafter prescribed. Said city council shall exercise its powers in the manner hereinafter provided.'

Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1923, c. 109, Art. II, § 2, amended. Section 2 of Article II of the private and special laws of 1923 is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

'Beginning with the annual municipal election in December 1941, the city council shall be composed of **9** members elected at large from the

qualified voters of the city for a term of 3 years, and until their successors are duly elected and qualified, of whom 3 shall be elected for a term of 3 years, 3 shall be elected for a term of 2 years and 3 shall be elected for a term of 1 year. The 3 which receive the largest number of votes cast at such election shall hold office for the 3 year term, the 3 which receive the next 3 largest number of votes cast at such election shall hold office for the 2 year term, and the 3 which receive the next 3 largest number of votes cast at such election shall hold office for 1 year, and each shall hold office until his successor is elected and qualified: thereafter at each such municipal election 3 shall be elected. The term of office of each present member of said city council shall expire on the 2nd Monday of December, 1941, nothing in the said charter to the contrary notwithstanding.

Each member shall be entitled to receive as salary the sum of \$300 per annum, payable quarterly, for all services rendered, and shall not be eligible, while a member of the council, to any other office of emolument or profit under the city charter or ordinances, nor to hold the office of city manager, nor to act as city manager.'