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House of Representatives, February 6, 1945.

Referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs, sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Bowker of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-FIVE

AN ACT Amending the Charter of the City 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~~ 7 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. The 1st and 2nd paragraphs of section 2 of Article II of chapter 109 of the private and special laws of 1923 are hereby repealed and replaced to read as follows:

'The city council shall be composed of 7 members elected at large from the qualified voters of the city for a term of 3 years and until their succes-

sors are elected and qualified, except as hereinafter provided in this section. The present members of the city council shall serve the terms for which they were elected; at the 1st election of members of the city council held after the adoption of this amendment, 3 members shall be elected; the member elect who shall receive the largest number of votes cast at such election shall hold office for 3 years, the member elect who shall receive the 2nd largest number of votes cast at such election shall hold office for 2 years, the member elect who shall receive the 3rd 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.

Each member shall be entitled to receive as salary the sum of \$750 per year, 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.'

Sec. 3. Referendum. This act shall take effect 90 days after the adjournment of this legislature only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters of the city of Portland at the next general election therein to be held on the 2nd Monday of September, 1945. For the purposes of such election, the city clerk shall reduce the subject matter to the following question: "Shall 'An Act Amending the Charter of the City of Portland' passed by the 92nd legislature be approved?" and the voters shall indicate by a cross, placed within a square upon their ballots, over the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same. This act shall take effect for all the purposes of this act immediately upon the acceptance of this act at the above election. The result of the vote shall be declared by the municipal officers and certificate thereof filed by the city clerk with the secretary of state.