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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Thompson of Brewer.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-SEVEN

**AN ACT Amending the Charter of the City of Brewer Relative to Election
Date and Filing of Petitions.**

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

Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1931, c. 75, Art. IV, § 1, amended. The 1st paragraph of section 1 of Article IV of chapter 75 of the private and special laws of 1931 is hereby amended to read as follows:

'On the 3rd Monday in December, 1931, the qualified voters of the city shall ballot for 5 members of the city council and for 3 members of the school committee, and the qualified voters of each ward shall, at the same time, ballot for a warden and a ward clerk for their ward; and thereafter on the ~~third~~ 1st Monday in December each year, a regular municipal election shall be held and the qualified voters of the city shall ballot for members of the city council and for member of the school committee to fill the offices of those whose terms of office expire that year, and also to fill any vacancies in the above offices which then may exist, and the qualified voters of each ward shall, at the same time, ballot for a warden and a ward clerk.'

Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1931, c. 75, Art. IV, § 5, amended. Section 5 of Article IV of chapter 75 of the private and special laws of 1931 is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 5. Filing of petitions; acceptance by candidate. The nomination petitions for any one candidate shall be assembled and united into one petition and filed with the city clerk not earlier than ~~thirty~~ 40 nor later than ~~fourteen~~ 21 days before the day of election. No nomination shall be valid unless the candidate shall file with the city clerk in writing, not later than ~~fourteen~~ 21 days before the day of election, his consent accepting the nomination, agreeing not to withdraw, and, if elected, to qualify.'

Effective date; referendum. This act shall become effective 90 days after the adjournment of this legislature, unless a referendum petition, signed by 150 voters of the city of Brewer, shall be filed with the city clerk within 30 days after such effective date. In the event that such referendum petition is filed, the city clerk shall prepare ballots for use at the next municipal election with the following question thereon :

"Shall an act changing the date of the annual municipal election and the date for filing nomination papers be accepted?" and the voters shall indicate by a cross placed against the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same. The result shall be declared by the councilmen and due certificate filed with the secretary of state by the clerk of said city.