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House of Representatives, February 23, 1949

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Castonguay of Waterville.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-NINE

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**AN ACT to Amend the Charter of the City of Waterville to Provide for the  
Appointment of One Full-time Assessor.**

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

**P. & S. L., 1887, c. 195, § 8, amended.** Section 8 of chapter 195 of the private and special laws of 1887, as repealed and replaced by section 2 of chapter 56 of the private and special laws of 1945, is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘Sec. 8. Assessors, their appointment or election, powers and duties; assessment and collection of taxes. One full-time assessor shall be appointed by the mayor, with the approval of the city council, for a term of 5 years. The city council shall elect an assistant assessor in each ward, whose duty it shall be to furnish the assessors with all the necessary information relative to persons and property taxable in his ward; he shall be sworn or affirmed to the faithful performance of his duty. All taxes shall be assessed, apportioned and collected in the manner prescribed by the laws of this state relative to town taxes, except as herein modified, and the city council may establish further or additional provisions for the collection thereof, and of interest thereon.

**Referendum; effective date.** This act shall take effect 90 days after adjournment of the legislature, only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters of the city of Waterville voting by ballot at any regular or special election called under the provisions of the charter of the city of Waterville before January 1, 1951. The city clerk shall prepare the required ballots, on which he shall reduce the subject matter of this act to the following question: "Shall the Act to Amend the Charter of the City of Waterville to Provide for the Appointment of One Full-time Assessor, as passed by the 94th legislature, be accepted?" and the voters shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed under the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same. This act shall take effect for all the purposes hereof immediately upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal voters, voting at said election; provided, however, that the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this act at said election equals or exceeds 20% of the total vote for all candidates for governor cast in said city at the next previous gubernatorial election. The result of the vote shall be declared by the municipal officers of said city of Waterville and due certificate thereof filed by the city clerk with the secretary of state.