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Legislative Document

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S. P. 70

In Senate, January 18, 1951

Referred to the Committee on Towns and Counties, sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Weeks of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-ONE

**AN ACT Relating to Initiative and Referendum in the City of
South Portland.**

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

P. & S. L., 1933, c. 55, Art. 5, § 1, amended. The 2nd, 3rd and last sentences of section 1 of article 5 of chapter 55 of the private and special laws of 1933, as amended by section 4 of chapter 89 of the private and special laws of 1933, are hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Any ~~30~~ 100 qualified voters of the city of South Portland may originate a petition putting in operation the initiative or the referendum, by signing such petition at the office of the city clerk.'

'Whenever requested by ~~30~~ 100 such voters, the city clerk shall prepare the proper petition with a copy of the ordinance, order or resolve to be submitted attached thereto and upon its being signed by said ~~30~~ 100 voters, the city clerk shall file the petition and shall, during office hours for 30 business days thereafter, keep the same open for signature by qualified voters of the city, and no such petition shall be signed or presented for signature at any place other than the clerk's office.'

'If the number of valid signatures to said petition shall amount to ~~300 or more~~ 10% of the qualified voters, the city council shall immediately take

the necessary steps to submit to the voters of the city, the question proposed in said petition; provided that in the case of the referendum the entire repeal of the ordinance, order or resolve sought to be referred, and in the case of the initiative, the passage by the city council of the desired ordinance, order or resolve shall put an end to all proceedings under said petition.

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