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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Gowell of Berwick by request.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-ONE

AN ACT Relating to Elections in the City of Biddeford.

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

Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1933, c. 71, § 1, repealed and replaced. Section 1 of chapter 71 of the private and special laws of 1933, as repealed and replaced by section 1 of chapter 83 of the private and special laws of 1941, is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Sec. 1. Nomination by political parties entitled to nominate by caucus. Political parties who are entitled to nominate candidates by caucus for elective office in the city of Biddeford shall nominate such candidates as follows: All candidates for nomination by any such political party as its candidate for the office of mayor, councilman, member of the board of education, member of the board of police, warden and ward clerk shall present to the city clerk at least 2 weeks before the date of the caucus a petition requesting their names to be so placed on the ballot to be used at said caucus. Candidates for the following offices shall present at least the following number of names: for mayor, member of the board of education or member of the board of police, 125; for councilman, warden or ward clerk, 25.'

Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1933, c. 71, § 2, repealed and replaced. Section 2 of chapter 71 of the private and special laws of 1933, as amended by section 2 of chapter 83 of the private and special laws of 1941, is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Sec. 2. Law relating to caucuses in city of Biddeford, date held, etc. Caucuses of political parties, which are entitled to nominate candidates by caucus for elective offices hereinbefore specified, shall be governed as specified in section 1, and only those voters enrolled as qualified to vote in such caucuses shall participate therein; and the caucuses for such candidates by petition shall be held in the several wards of the city on the 2nd Monday of December, in each year, on which day the polls will be opened at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and continue open to 8 o'clock in the evening, when they shall close.'

Sec. 3. P. & S. L., 1933, c. 71, § 2-A, additional. Chapter 71 of the private and special laws of 1933, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding thereto a new section, to be numbered 2-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 2-A. Nominations by political parties not entitled to nominate by caucus. Political parties which are not entitled to nominate their candidates by caucus shall make their nominations as follows: Candidates for any of said municipal offices may be nominated by nomination papers signed in each instance by the same number of qualified voters as required in section 1 for the various elective offices therein mentioned, and such nomination papers shall be presented to the city clerk at least 2 weeks before the second Monday of December immediately preceding the day of the final election for such offices. Such nominations shall in all other respects be in accordance with the provisions of the revised statutes, as amended. Candidates so nominated, and the parties which shall so nominate them, shall have all the rights and privileges provided by said revised statutes, as amended. In such proceedings all officers shall be governed by and subject to the penalties provided by said revised statutes, as amended.'

Sec. 4. Inconsistent acts repealed or amended. All private and special acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act, so far as they relate to elections in the city of Biddeford, are hereby repealed or amended to conform herewith.