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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Frechette of Sanford.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Warrant Committee of Town of Sanford.

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

P. & S. L., 1935, c. 72, § 9, sub-§ § (b), (d) and (e), repealed and replaced. Subsections (b), (d) and (e) of section 9 of chapter 72 of the private and special laws of 1935 are hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

‘(b) Three members of the warrant committee shall be chosen from the registered voters of each district by the town meeting representatives of the district in the manner hereinafter set forth. The term of office of the warrant committee members shall be for 1 year, beginning on the first day of February next following their election. Before the first town meeting following January 31 of each year, the town clerk shall call a meeting of the warrant committee by notifying each member of the time and place of such meeting. At this meeting the warrant committee shall organize by choosing a chairman and a secretary and the name of the secretary shall forthwith be certified to the town clerk by the chairman. The town clerk shall act as temporary chairman until a permanent chairman is chosen.’

‘(d) The aforesaid district caucuses shall be held on or before the 20th day of January next following the annual election, and within 48 hours after such caucus each district clerk shall certify to the town clerk the

names and addresses of the warrant committee members elected from his district. The town clerk shall forthwith notify all members of the said committee of their election.'

'(e) Any vacancy occurring among the district delegations shall be filled by the representative town meeting members of the district affected by the vacancy at a meeting called by the district clerk for that purpose.'

Referendum; effective date; certificate to secretary of state. This act shall take effect 90 days after the adjournment of the legislature only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters of the town of Sanford at any regular annual town meeting or at a special meeting called and held for the purpose at the regular voting places of the town by the officers of the town of Sanford authorized to call such meetings not later than 1 year after the effective date of this act. Such meeting shall be called, advertised and conducted according to the law relating to municipal elections; provided, however, that the board of registration in said town of Sanford shall not be required to prepare, nor the town clerk to post, a new list of voters, and for the purpose of registration of voters, said board shall be in session the 3 secular days preceding such meeting, the first 2 days to be devoted to the registration of voters and the last day to enable the board to verify the corrections of said lists and to complete and close up their records of said sessions. The town clerk shall prepare the required ballots, on which he shall reduce the subject matter of this act to the following question: "Shall the act relating to warrant committee of town of Sanford, passed by the 96th legislature, be accepted" and the voters shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed against the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same. A check list shall be used at such meeting.

This act shall take effect for all the purposes hereof immediately upon its acceptance by a majority vote of the legal voters voting at said meeting; but only if the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this act at said meeting equals or exceeds 20% of the total vote for all candidates for governor cast in said town at the previous gubernatorial election. The result shall be declared by the municipal officers and due certificate thereof filed by the town clerk with the secretary of state.