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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Tondreau of Brunswick.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-THREE

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### **AN ACT to Authorize the Town of Brunswick to Provide for the Collection and Disposal of Garbage and Rubbish.**

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

**Sec. 1. Collection and disposal of garbage and rubbish.** The town of Brunswick is hereby authorized and empowered to provide by ordinance for the collection and disposal of garbage and rubbish within the town limits and to assess a charge which bears a fair and just proportion to the cost to the town of rendering such service on any person or legal entities owning or occupying premises within the town boundaries upon which any garbage, rubbish or refuse shall have been produced or accumulated and disposed of as above provided. The money received from such source shall be applied to the cost of collection and disposal of such garbage, rubbish and refuse and to no other purpose.

**Sec. 2. Upon whom charges assessed; appeal.** The town may, through its board of selectmen, define the persons or legal entities upon whom said charge shall be assessed, and may adopt such other rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this act, including the imposition of a penalty for violation of such ordinance, rule or regulation.

Any person aggrieved by the charge made against him for such service may file a request in writing to the board of selectmen for correction; and

if such correction is refused, he shall have the same rights of appeal to the county commissioners or the superior court as is provided by statute for abatement of municipal taxes.

**Referendum; effective date.** This act shall take effect 90 days after the adjournment of this legislature, only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters of the town of Brunswick at any regular election or at any special election called and held for that purpose, or at any election called for the purpose of voting upon any state referendum. Such election shall be held not later than 1 year after the effective date of this act and any special election shall be called, advertised and conducted according to the law relating to municipal elections; provided, however, that the board of registration of said town shall not be required to prepare for posting, 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 election, the first 2 days to be devoted to 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 to Authorize the Town of Brunswick to Provide for the Collection and Disposal of Garbage and Rubbish, 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. The result in said town shall be declared by the municipal officers of the town of Brunswick and due certificate thereof filed by the town clerk with the secretary of state. This act shall take effect for all the purposes thereof immediately upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal voters voting at said meeting; provided that the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this act at said meeting equals or exceeds 20% of the total votes for all candidates for governor in said town at the next previous gubernatorial election.