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House of Representatives, February 24, 1955

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Coyne of Waterville.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-FIVE

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**AN ACT Providing for a Change of Ward Lines in the City of Waterville.**

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

**Change of ward lines in City of Waterville.** A commission consisting of 3 persons, nonresidents of said City of Waterville to be appointed by the Governor, is hereby created, whose duty it shall be to examine into the location, size and population of the several wards of said city as they now exist; and, if by them deemed expedient, they shall readjust the boundary lines of said wards, having reference in their readjustment, if any such be made, to such a division of said city into wards as its present number of legal voters and their needs may require.

Said commission may employ such assistance as it may require in the performance of the duties herein imposed, and shall appoint a suitable place and time in said City of Waterville to hear all parties interested. Notice of said time and place shall be given by the commission by publication once a week for 3 successive weeks, in some paper published in said City of Waterville, the last publication to be at least one week prior to the time of such hearing.

A final report of the doings of said commission shall be made on or before October 1, 1955 to the City Council; and upon its approval, and not otherwise, the doings of said commission shall be valid and binding and the ward lines of said city, as designated by said commission and approved by the City Council, shall govern and determine the location of ward lines in all future elections in said city, until further provision of law in the premises.

The necessary expenses of carrying out the provisions of this act, together with a reasonable compensation for services performed in connection therewith, shall be paid from the city treasury of the City of Waterville, upon the mayor's warrant, and said City of Waterville is hereby empowered and required to raise money by taxation or otherwise, or appropriate from any unexpended money in its treasury, such sums as may be needed for paying said expenses and said compensations.

If the ward residence of any legal voter in said city shall be affected by any proceedings under the provisions of this act, said voters shall be deemed, for the purpose of determining his place of voting in the municipal election of 1955, a resident of such ward as he would have been if the change of wards herein contemplated had been in effect on April 1, 1955, and in elections subsequent to the said municipal election of 1955, the voting residence of any legal voter in said city, as to wards, shall be determined as now provided by law.