

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# NINETY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

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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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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 1045, L. D. 1220, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Charter of the City of Bath."

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Amend said Bill by striking out all of the part of Section 2 designated "Sec. 210" and inserting in place thereof the following:

"Sec. 210. Number, election, term. The city council shall be composed of 9 members, each of whom shall be elected by the registered voters of the entire city. Two shall be elected at large from the registered voters of the entire city, and one shall be elected from each of the 7 wards, from the registered voters of each ward. Each member shall be elected for a term of 2 years and until his successor is elected and qualified, except as hereinafter provided in this section. At the 1st election of members of the city council held after the adoption of this amendment, 9 members shall be elected; 2 members shall be elected at large, the member-elect who shall receive the largest number of votes cast shall hold office for 2 years, the member-elect who shall receive the 2nd largest number of votes cast shall hold office for 1 year, and each shall hold office until his successor is elected and qualified; and 7 members shall be elected, one from each ward, the 4 members-elect who shall receive the largest number of votes cast shall hold office for 2 years, the 3 members-elect who shall receive the 2nd largest number of votes cast shall hold office for 1 year, and each shall hold office until his successor is elected and qualified. At the said first election of members of the city council after the adoption of this amendment, in the event that 2 or more candidates shall receive the same number of votes for members of the city council at large or by wards, the terms of office of said candidates shall be determined by lot by the city clerk after reasonable notice to said candidates by said city clerk of the time and place of said determination.' "

Further amend said Bill by striking out all of Section 7 thereof.

Further amend said Bill by renumbering sections 8, 9, 10 and 11 to be sections 7, 8, 9 and 10, respectively.

Further amend said Bill by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 'Sec. 11.' to read as follows:

"Sec. 11. P. & S. L., 1947, c. 82, c. VIII, § 808, amended. Section 808 of chapter VIII of chapter 82 of the private and special laws of 1947, as last amended by section 16 of chapter 177 of the private and special laws of 1951, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 808. Determination of position of names upon ballot. The position upon the ballot of the names of the candidates nominated, as hereinbefore provided, shall be determined by lot and said names shall be so placed upon said ballot under the title of the office to be filled. Said determination of said position by lots shall be conducted by the city clerk at which said candidates or their representatives shall be entitled to be present. Candidates shall be notified of the time and place of such drawing at least 24 hours in advance thereof. The ballot shall be without party mark or designation. The name and residence of each candidate shall be given. At the right of each name shall be a square within which the voter shall place a cross (X) or check mark (✓) to designate his choice. A blank space shall be left at the end of the list of candidates for each office in which the voter may insert the name of any person not printed on the ballot from whom he desires to vote. The ballot shall be printed substantially as follows:

(Back of the Ballot)

"OFFICIAL BALLOT  
BATH

WARD .....

Monday ..... A. D.

(Facsimile of Signature)  
City Clerk."

(Face of the Ballot)

To vote for a candidate mark a cross (X) or check mark (✓) in the square at the right of the candidate's name and residence.

If you wrongly mark, tear or deface the ballot, return it and obtain another.

FOR MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

Vote for

"COUNCILMAN AT LARGE

( ) to be chosen  
Vote for ( )

Mark cross (X) or check  
mark (✓) in this column

Name of candidate and residence	Residence	

**COUNCILMAN FROM WARD**

( ) to be chosen  
Vote for ( )

Mark cross (X) or check mark (✓)  
in this column

Name of candidate and residence	

**FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Vote for

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

One to be chosen  
Vote for one

Mark cross (X) or check mark (✓)  
in this column

Name of candidate and residence	Residence

**FOR WARDEN**

Vote for One

**WARDEN**

One to be chosen  
Vote for one

Mark cross (X) or check mark (✓)  
in this column

Name of candidate and residence	Residence

**FOR WARD CLERK**

Vote for One

**WARD CLERK**

One to be chosen  
Vote for one

Mark cross (X) or check mark (✓)  
in this column

Name of candidate and residence	Residence

~~FOR WARD CONSTABLE~~

Vote for One

**CONSTABLES**

One to be chosen  
Vote for one

Mark cross (X) or check mark (✓)  
in this column

Name of candidate and residence	Residence

Mark a cross (X) or check mark (✓) in the square at the right of your answer. " " "