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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Stilphen of Rockland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Amend the Charter of the City of Rockland

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

Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1945, c. 125, Art. II, § 220, amended Section 220 of Article II of chapter 125 of the private and special laws of 1945 is hereby amended by adding thereto a new paragraph to read as follows:

‘Should such a vacancy or vacancies occur less than 6 months prior to the next regular city election, and should the city council by vote deem it to be in the best interests of the city to fill such vacancy or vacancies, then the vacancy or vacancies shall be filled within 60 days of the date of such vote of the city council by a special election as above prescribed.’

Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1945, c. 125, Art. VI, § 601, repealed and replaced. Section 601 of Article VI of chapter 125 of the private and special laws of 1945 is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

‘601. Fiscal year. The fiscal year of the city government shall begin on the first day of January and shall end on the last day of December of each calendar year. Such fiscal year shall also constitute the budget and accounting year. As used in this charter, the term “budget year” shall mean the fiscal year for which any particular budget is adopted and in which it is administered. To accomplish this change in fiscal year, the city council is hereby authorized to direct the Director of Finance to terminate the 1957-58 budget on December 31, 1957 and to lapse all unexpended balances into surplus and to draw up a new budget in accordance with the provisions of this charter for the fiscal and calendar year 1958, the entire amount of which, over and above anticipated

miscellaneous revenues, shall be appropriated from surplus. It is understood that educational balances lapsed to surplus shall be in a lesser amount than the educational budget for the new fiscal year to protect the State's investment therein of statutory grants. The budget originally drawn for the fiscal year July 1, 1957 to June 30, 1958 shall be the budget used in computing the tax commitment for the 1958 tax, plus any emergency appropriations necessary in accordance with the terms of this charter.'

Sec. 3. P. & S. L., 1945, c. 125, Art. VI, § 609, amended. Section 609 of Article VI of chapter 125 of the private and special laws of 1945 is hereby amended to read as follows:

'609. Date of final adoption; failure to adopt. The budget shall be finally adopted not later than the ~~27th day~~ **Friday before the 3rd Monday** of the last month of the fiscal year. Should the council take no final action on or prior to such day, the budget, as submitted, shall be deemed to have been finally adopted by the council.'

Sec. 4. P. & S. L., 1945, c. 125, Art. VI, § 621, amended. Section 621 of Article VI of chapter 125 of the private and special laws of 1945, as amended by section 5 of chapter 96 of the private and special laws of 1951, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'621. Miscellaneous revenues. Miscellaneous revenues shall include anticipated revenues from the collection of taxes other than the general property tax; the amount of state aid to be received; the amount by which the city is expected to benefit from taxes collected by the State; the amounts estimated to be received from services and sales, fines and forfeitures, **parking meter receipts**, special assessments and any other special or non-recurring sources.'