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Presented by Mr. Porell of Westbrook.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FIFTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Repeal the Westbrook Sewerage District.

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

Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1955, c. 176, repealed. Subject to the provisions of section 4 hereof, Chapter 176 of the Private and Special Laws of 1955, entitled "An Act to Incorporate the Westbrook Sewerage District" is hereby repealed.

Sec. 2. Rights, etc., of the Westbrook Sewerage District vested in the City of Westbrook. Upon acceptance of this act as provided in section 4 hereof, title to all real and personal property, or any interest therein, then owned by the Westbrook Sewerage District, together with all accounts receivable, choses in action, and all other rights and credits that may be either then due and payable to, or would accrue to, or for the benefit of said Westbrook Sewerage District but for this act, shall vest in and become the property of the City of Westbrook; said city being hereby vested with all rights and powers of holding, disposing of or enforcing such rights so acquired.

Sec. 3. Contracts, etc. to be assumed by the City of Westbrook. Upon acceptance of this act as provided in section 4 hereof, all valid contracts, obligations, bonds and liabilities of the said Westbrook Sewerage District shall be assumed and executed by the City of Westbrook.

Sec. 4. 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 City of Westbrook at the next annual city election or at a special election to be held not later than 4 months after the effective date of this act. Such special election

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may be called for the purpose upon petition of not less than 300 legal voters resident within the City of Westbrook, said petition to be addressed to the mayor and city council of said city, whereupon said mayor and city council upon their warrants shall call a special election for the purpose to be held not less than 30 nor more than 60 days after receipt of said petition. In the event a special election is called for the purpose, it shall be called, advertised and conducted according to the laws relating to municipal elections.

The city 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 Repeal the Westbrook Sewerage District, passed by the 98th Legislature, be accepted?" and the qualified voters shall indicate in the usual manner their opinion of the same.

This act shall take effect for all purposes hereof immediately upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal voters voting at said election, but only if the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this act equals or exceeds 20% of the total vote for all candidates for Governor in said city at the next previous gubernatorial election.

The result of the vote shall be declared by the municipal officers of the City of Westbrook and due certificate thereof shall be filed by the city clerk with the Secretary of State.