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House of Representatives, March 5, 1957.

Referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Warren of Saco.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Amending Charter of City of Saco re Ordinances and Appropriation
Resolve.

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

Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1953, c. 177, Art. IV, § 2, repealed and replaced. Section 2 of Article IV of chapter 177 of the private and special laws of 1953 is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Sec. 2. Appropriation resolve; ordinances. The appropriation order or resolve shall be confined to the subject of appropriations only. No ordinance and no appropriation resolve shall be passed on until it has been read on 2 separate days, with a lapse of at least 3 days between readings. The yeas and nays shall be taken on the passage of any order or resolve when called for by any member of the city council. Every ordinance shall require on final passage the affirmative vote of a majority of the voting members of the city council. Every ordinance before final passage shall be marked "Proposed Ordinance," and posted at the city hall.'

Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1953, c. 177, Art. V, repealed and replaced. Article V of chapter 177 of the private and special laws of 1953 is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'ARTICLE V

Ordinances; Orders; Resolves

The city council may submit, on its own initiative, a proposition for the enactment, repeal or amendment of any ordinance, order or resolve, except as here-

in otherwise provided, to be voted upon at any municipal election; and should such proposition receive a majority of the votes cast thereon at said election, such ordinance, order or resolve shall be enacted, repealed or amended accordingly.

After the enactment by the city council of any ordinance, except an ordinance appropriating money or authorizing the levy of taxes, the city clerk shall, at the request of any citizen of Saco, prepare a petition with the title and the ordinance at the top thereof, which he shall make available for any interested citizen to sign at the city clerk's office during the regular office hours. Each signer of any such petition paper shall sign his name in ink or indelible pencil and shall indicate after his name his place of residence by street and number, or other description sufficient to identify the place.

If within 20 days after the ordinance becomes effective as therein provided, at least 200 legal voters of Saco shall sign the said petition, the city council shall submit a referendum for the repeal of said ordinance to the voters at the next municipal election. If the referendum is approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon, the city council shall thereupon repeal the ordinance.