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S. P. 436

In Senate, March 13, 1957

Referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs, sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Farley of York.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Relating to Compensation of Mayor and Councilmen of City of Biddeford.

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

Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1933, c. 66, § 3, amended. The 8th sentence of section 3 of chapter 66 of the private and special laws of 1933 is hereby amended to read as follows:

'The salary and compensation of the mayor shall be ~~\$1,500~~ \$3,000 per year, which shall not be increased or diminished during his continuance in office, unless by the vote of the qualified electors in ward meetings called for that purpose.'

Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1933, c. 66, § 3, amended. The 10th sentence of section 3 of chapter 66 of the private and special laws of 1933, as amended by section 1 of chapter 85 of the private and special laws of 1935, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'The councilmen, with the exception of the members of the finance committee, shall ~~receive no compensation for their services as such~~ each receive \$10 for each meeting attended, but no councilman shall receive more than \$300 in any one year.'

Referendum; effective date; certificate to Secretary of State. This act shall take effect 90 days after adjournment of the Legislature, only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters of the city of Biddeford at a regular or special election to be held before December 31, 1957. Such special election shall be called, advertised and conducted according to the law relating to municipal elections; provided, however, that the board of registration in said city

of Biddeford shall not be required to prepare for posting, nor the city clerk to post, a new list of voters; and for the purpose of registration of voters, said board shall be in session the 3 secular days preceding such election, the first 2 days thereof to be devoted to the registration of voters and the last day to enable the board to close up their records of said sessions.

The city clerk shall prepare the required ballots, on which he shall reduce the subject matter of this act to the following question: "Shall 'An Act Relating to Compensation of Mayor and Councilmen of the City of Biddeford,' passed by the 98th Legislature, be accepted?" And the voters shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed against the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same.

This act shall take effect for all the purposes hereof on January 1, 1958 upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal voters voting at said election; provided the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this act at said election equals or exceeds 20% of the total vote for all candidates for Governor cast 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 Biddeford and due certificate thereto shall be filed by the city clerk with the Secretary of State.