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CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-SEVEN

**AN ACT Relating to Raising 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 and 11th sentences 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and special laws of 1933, as amended by section 1 of chapter 85 of the private and special laws of 1935, are hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Each of the councilmen shall receive \$10 per diem for attendance at municipal or city council meetings, but no councilman shall receive more than \$300 in any one year for his services as such, excepting that the councilmen serving on the finance committee shall receive such additional compensation as the city council may determine. The city clerk shall certify their attendance to the finance committee on the first secular day of each and every month.'

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 election shall be called, advertised and conducted according to the law relating to municipal elections; provided, however, if a special election is called, the board of regis-

tration 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 Raising 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.