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## NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

## Legislative Document

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H. P. 12 House of Representatives, January 14, 1959 Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Letourneau of Sanford.

#### STATE OF MAINE

# IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FIFTY-NINE

#### AN ACT Relating to Town Meetings of Sanford.

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

- Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1935, c. 72, § 4, amended. Paragraps (a) of section 4 of chapter 72 of the private and special laws of 1935 is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:
- '(a) Nomination of candidates for town meeting members to be elected under this act shall be made by nomination papers which shall bear no political designation, shall be signed by not less than 10 registered voters of the district in which the candidate resides, and shall be filed with the town clerk on or before the 14th day next prior to the day of election, provided that any town meeting member may become a candidate for re-election by giving written notice thereof to the town clerk at least 20 days next prior to the day of election. No nomination papers shall be valid in respect to any candidate whose written acceptance is not thereon or attached thereto when filed. Candidates for any elective municipal office under this act shall have their domiciles in the Town of Sanford.'
- Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1935, c. 72, § 7, ¶ (a), amended. The last sentence of paragraph (a) of section 7 of chapter 72 of the private and special laws of 1935, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 50 of the private and special laws of 1941, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'All articles intended by petition, for insertion in the warrant for holding the annual town meeting shall be filed in the office of the selectmen on or before 5:00 P. M. of September 30th of each year, and no article shall be inserted in such warrant unless so filed. The municipal officers may, after September 30th of

each year, if in their judgment municipal urgency or necessity requires, insert, or cause to be inserted, in the warrant for holding the annual town meeting, any article or articles they deem necessary for adequate and proper functioning of representative town government.'

- Sec. 3. Reports. The town officers of Sanford shall prepare a balance sheet showing in detail as of each October 31st the total receipts and expenditures for the preceding year to the aforesaid date of October 31st and including a statement of the assets and liabilities of said town as of the said October 31st. This report shall be available for the voters 7 days in advance of the annual election. The town officers shall prepare each year a complete town report for the fiscal year ending December 31st to be published no later than February 15th of the following year.
- Sec. 4. P. & S. L., 1935, c. 72, § 9, ¶ (b), amended. Paragraph (b) of section 9 of chapter 72 of the private and special laws of 1935 is amended by adding at the end thereof the following sentences:

'The secretary of the town warrant committee shall keep minutes of its proceedings which shall show the vote of each member upon each question or article in the town warrant. The town clerk shall be the clerk of the town warrant committee. All meetings of the town warrant committee shall be open to the public.'

Sec. 5. P. & S. L., 1941, c. 50, § 2, repealed. Section 2 of chapter 50 of the private and special laws of 1941 is repealed.