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H. P. 211

House of Representatives, January 29, 1959.

Referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and 1000 copies ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Russell of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to Election of Council Members of City of Portland.

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

P. & S. L., 1923, c. 109, Art. II, § 2, amended. The 1st paragraph of section 2 of Article II of chapter 109 of the private and special laws of 1923, as repealed and replaced by section 3 of chapter 113 of the private and special laws of 1945, is repealed and the following 2 paragraphs enacted in place thereof:

'The city council shall be composed of 9 members. Three shall be elected at large from the registered voters of the entire city, and one shall be elected from each of the 6 districts provided for in section 1 of Article II, by only the registered voters of each respective district. The candidate from each of the 6 districts must be a resident of the district in which he is a candidate. Each member shall be elected for a term of 3 years and until his successor is elected and qualified.

The provisions of the preceding paragraph shall apply only to the elections held after the adoption of this amendment and shall in no way affect the term of office of any member of the city council holding such office at the time of the adoption of this amendment.'

Referendum. 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 Portland at the next city election to be held therein.

The city clerk shall reduce the subject matter of this act to the following question: "Shall the Act Relating to Election of Council Members of City of Portland, passed by the 99th 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 immediately 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 equaled or exceeded 20% of the total vote cast for all candidates for Governor in said city at the next preceding gubernatorial election.

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