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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Kellam of Portland.

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## STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-NINE

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### **AN ACT Relating to Appropriation for Support of Public Schools for City of Portland.**

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

**Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1923, c. 109, Art. IV, § 4, amended.** The 3rd and 4th sentences of section 4 of Article IV of chapter 109 of the private and special laws of 1923 are amended to read as follows:

'They shall annually, as soon after the organization of their board as practicable, furnish to the city council ~~an estimate, after public hearing,~~ in detail ~~of the several sums required during the ensuing municipal year for the support of public schools. On the basis of such estimates the city council shall make one gross appropriation.~~ **The city council shall, without change, appropriate such sums** for the support of public schools for the ensuing municipal year, and such appropriation shall not be exceeded, except by consent of the city council, but the expenditure of said appropriation shall be under the direction and control of the school committee.'

**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 Portland at the next regular city election, an appropriate article being inserted in the warrant for such election.

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 Appropriation for Support of Public Schools for City of Portland,' passed by the 99th Legislature, be accepted?" 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 the purposes hereof on the 2nd Monday in December, 1959, upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal voters 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 Portland and due certificate thereof shall be filed by the city clerk with the Secretary of State.