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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Danes of South Portland (by request).

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### STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-NINE

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#### AN ACT Relating to Election of City Council of City of South Portland.

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

**Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1933, c. 55, Art. 4, § 2, amended.** The first 2 sentences of section 2 of article 4 of chapter 55 of the private and special laws of 1933 are amended to read as follows:

'The city council shall be composed of 5 members ~~elected in a city wide election~~, one **to be elected** from each of the 5 voting districts provided for in Article 3 of this charter **by only the registered voters of each respective district.** ~~The candidate from each district receiving the largest number of votes cast in the city wide election shall be the elected councilman from his district.'~~

**Sec. 2. Application.** This act shall in no way affect the term of office of any member of the city council holding such office on the effective date of this act.

**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 South Portland at a special election called and held for the purpose or at an annual municipal election of the city. Such special election or annual municipal election shall be held not later than the regular annual municipal election for the year 1959. In the event a special election is called for the purpose, it shall be called, advertised and conducted according to the law relating to municipal elections; provided that the board of registration in said city 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

next preceding such special election, the first and 2nd days thereof to be devoted to the registration of voters and the 3rd day to enable the board to verify the corrections of said list and to complete and 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 the Act Relating to Election of City Council of City of South 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 all purposes hereof immediately upon its acceptance by a majority vote of the legal voters voting at said election; provided that 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 in said city at the next preceding gubernatorial election.

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