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by the legal voters of said city at the next election to be held in said city of Saco for any purpose. The vote shall be taken by ballot at said election in answer to the following questions:

First. Shall the common council of the city of Saco be abolished and the city council hereafter be composed of the mayor and seven aldermen, one from each ward?

Second. Shall the mayor of said city of Saco be paid annually the sum of one thousand dollars and the aldermen of said city be paid three dollars for every meeting which they attend?

These questions shall be printed on the official ballots of said meeting of the voters of said city and each shall be voted upon separately. There shall be appropriate squares marked "yes" and "no", respectively, placed conveniently over each question and all persons voting in favor of either or both of said questions shall mark a cross in the square marked "yes", and those opposed to either or both questions shall mark a cross in the square marked "no". If a majority of the ballots received are in favor of accepting either or both of said provisions, then the same shall become law and take effect as to those provisions which shall have a majority in favor of them, and it shall be the duty of the city clerk of said city to spread at large all the proceedings and results thereof, on the records of the city and such records shall be conclusive evidence that this act has been accepted or rejected, as the case may be.

Approved March 19, 1919.

Chapter 74.

An Act to Amend the Charter of the City of Calais Providing for Biennial Elections.

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

- Sec. 1. Elections to be held biennially instead of annually. The municipal election for the choice of mayor, aldermen, constables of the city of Calais and wardens and ward clerks of the several wards in said city shall be held once in two years instead of annually beginning with the year nineteen hundred and twenty-one and all officers chosen by vote of the electors shall, beginning with the year nineteen hundred and twenty-one, hold office for a term of two years. Any officer chosen at a special election to fill a vacancy shall hold his office during the unexpired term and until his successor is elected and qualified in his place.
- Sec. 2. Referendum provision; form of question; how ballots shall be made up, etc. Section one of this act shall take effect only when accepted, as hereinafter provided, by the electors of said city qualified to vote in

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a municipal election. Said section shall be submitted to be voted upon by the qualified electors of said city at the regular annual election to be held on the first Monday of April, nineteen hundred and twenty. election shall be called, advertised and conducted according to the law relating to municipal elections in said city. The ballots to be used in said election shall be in such form as to permit said first section of this act to be voted upon by an expression of the voter's opinion on the following question: "Shall the municipal elections in the city of Calais for the election of the mayor and the ward officers be held biennially beginning with the year nineteen hundred and twenty-one?" Opposite and to the right of said question shall be printed the two words "Yes" and "No" with the usual squares in which the voter is to mark in the manner required by law to express his opinion. Other brief and suitable explanations of the subject matter submitted may be printed on the ballots which in other respects shall conform with all the requirements of law. If said section shall receive more affirmative than negative votes at said election it shall be deemed to have been accepted and shall thereupon be in full force and effect. The result of said election shall be declared by the mayor and aldermen, and due certificate thereof filed with the city clerk and with the secretary of state. A printed copy of the full text of this act shall be posted with each notice of said election, and two copies shall be kept posted in each voting place in said city during said election.

Sec. 3. Inconsistent statutes modified to conform. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith, and all provisions of the charter and ordinances of said city of Calais inconsistent with this act are hereby modified so as to conform with the provisions of this act; but this section shall take effect as to the subject matter covered in section one of this act only when said section shall be finally accepted by the electors of said city of Calais as provided in section two.

Approved March 26, 1919.

Chapter 75.

An Act to Revise, Consolidate and Amend the Charter and Laws of the City of Augusta. Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Charter of city amended. The charter and laws of the city of Augusta, as previously enacted by the legislature of this state, are hereby revised, consolidated and amended so as to read as follows:

'Sec. 1. Corporate name, powers and duties. The inhabitants of the town of Augusta, in the county of Kennebec, shall continue to be a body politic and corporate, by the name of the city of Augusta, and as such