

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 92

House of Representatives, February 11, 1921.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Hodgkins of Bangor.

STATE OF MAINE

**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-ONE**

AN ACT to Amend Chapter Four Hundred and Thirty-six of the Private and Special Laws of Eighteen Hundred and Thirty-four, Entitled "An Act to Incorporate the City of Bangor," and Acts Amendatory Thereof or Additional Thereto.

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

Section 1. Chapter four hundred and thirty-six of the 2 private and special laws, approved February twelfth, eight-
3 een hundred and thirty-four, entitled "An Act to Incorpor-
4 rate the City of Bangor," and acts amendatory thereof or
5 additional thereto, or affecting said act, are hereby amended
6 as follows:

Sect. 2. On the first date fixed by law for electing subordinate officers after this act shall become operative, the city council shall elect a board of public safety, as herein provided.

Sect. 3. A board to be known as the board of public safety, to consist of three (3) members, is hereby established in and for the city of Bangor, which shall have and exercise all the powers and be charged with all the duties relative to the entire management and control of the operation of the fire department of the city of Bangor, including the appointment of the chief of the department, who shall serve in that capacity, unless removed by the board for cause after a hearing, until he has reached the age of sixty-five years, select and appoint the so-called permanent men, call men and all others connected with the department, define the duties of each and fix the compensation for their services, purchase all supplies and equipment required for the department: payment for salaries, compensation and purchases to be paid from the appropriations made for that department.

At their first election the three members of the board shall be elected, one for one year, one for two years and one for three years, all from the date of their election, and thereafter on the date required for election of subordinate officers for the city of Bangor, each year, one shall be elected for a term of three years therefrom: on the first election no more than two shall be chosen from the same political party.

All such members shall be legal voters in and residents
2 of said city and shall be sworn to the faithful perform-
3 ance of their duties by the mayor, city clerk or any justice
4 of the peace or notary public in said city.

Each vacancy in said board shall be filled by the city coun-
2 cil for the unexpired term and the new member so elected
3 shall be of the same political party as that of the person
4 whose death, resignation or removal has caused such va-
5 cancy.

No member of the board during his term of office shall
2 be interested, directly or indirectly, in any contract entered
3 into by or under authority of the board.

Sect. 4. On the date of the election of subordinate offi-
2 cers each year, or as soon as may be thereafter, the board
3 of public safety shall organize and elect one of their num-
4 ber chairman, also elect a secretary, whose duty it shall
5 be to keep a record of the proceedings of the board, notify
6 members of meetings and perform such other duties as
7 the board may direct; said secretary shall be sworn to the
8 faithful performance of his duties by the mayor, city clerk
9 or any justice of the peace or notary public in said city,
10 and his compensation shall be fixed by the board and paid
11 from the appropriations made by the city council for use of
12 the board.

The board shall not incur expenses in excess of the ap-
2 propriations made for the board by the city council. All
3 payrolls and bills for work done or purchases made by
4 authority of the board, shall be approved by the chairman,

5 or, in his absence, by some member designated by him.

No member shall hold any other office under the city
2 during his term nor shall he receive any compensation for
3 his services as such member, but may be reimbursed for
4 any cash expenditures for expenses in connection with his
5 duties in such official capacity.

Sect. 5. The board shall, at the beginning of each finan-
2 cial year, submit to the city council for its guidance in
3 making appropriations, a statement of the requirements of
4 the board together with estimated cost of same for the
5 ensuing year and such other information as the city coun-
6 cil may require, and shall, at the close of the year, make a
7 full detailed report to the city council of receipts and ex-
8 penditures during the year.

Sect. 6. The term of office of the chief of the fire depart-
2 ment of the city of Bangor, who may be in office and all
3 others serving the city in that department, when this act
4 becomes operative, shall expire when notified by the board
5 of public safety that his successor has been appointed and
6 qualified.

Sect. 7. All provisions of the city charter of said city, or
2 amendments or additions thereto, and all provisions of
3 any other acts which are inconsistent with the provisions
4 of this act, are hereby repealed.

Sect. 8. This act shall not take effect unless at the reg-
2 ular election in said city in March in the year 1921, a desire
3 for its adoption shall have been manifested by a majority

4 of the legal votes cast on the question, which question shall
5 have been submitted to the people at said election after such
6 notice as may be required by the municipal officers of said
7 city.