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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1883.

Chapter 312.

An Act to authorize the removal of obstructions in the Sebasticook River.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

Orrin S. Haskell et als. authorized to remove obstructions in Sebasticook river.

SECT. 1. Orrin S. Haskell, A. H. Cornforth, Isaac H. Lancy, and their associates, who are owners of land bordering on the Sebasticook river, are hereby authorized to remove the accumulation of rocks and sand in said river, in the towns of Pittsfield and Burnham, called the Eelweir rapids, with the consent of the owners of said lands, for the purpose of making the lands more valuable.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 6, 1883.

Chapter 313.

An Act to amend "An Act to incorporate the city of Rockland."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

Sec. 17, ch. 360, private laws of 1864, amended.

SECT. 1. Section seventeen of "An Act to incorporate the city of Rockland," is hereby amended by striking out the word "majority," in the sixth line thereof, and inserting the word 'plurality,' instead thereof, so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows :

Election of mayor of city of Rockland.

'SECT. 17. The mayor shall be elected from the citizens at large, by the inhabitants of the city voting in their respective wards. One alderman and three common councilmen shall be elected by each ward, being residents in the wards where elected. All said officers shall be elected by ballot, by a plurality of the votes given, and shall hold their office one year from the first Monday of March, and until others shall be elected and qualified in their places.'

--aldermen and common councilmen.

Sec. 19, amended.

SECT. 2. Section nineteen of said act, as amended by chapter two hundred and fifteen of the special laws of eighteen hundred and eighty, is hereby further amended so as to read as follows :

Annual election, time, votes how counted, declared and certified.

'SECT. 19. On the first Monday of March, annually, immediately after a warden and clerk shall have been chosen and sworn, the qualified electors of each ward shall ballot for

a mayor, one alderman and three common councilmen; all the votes given for the said several officers respectively shall be sorted, counted, declared and registered in open ward meeting, by causing the names of the persons voted for, and the number of votes given for each, to be written on the ward records at length. The ward clerk within twenty-hours after such election, shall deliver to the persons elected aldermen and common councilmen by a plurality of votes given, certificates of their election, and shall forthwith deliver to the city clerk, a certified copy of the record of such election; *provided, however,* that if the choice of aldermen, common councilmen, constable, warden or clerk cannot be conveniently effected on that day, the meeting may adjourn from day to day to complete such election. If, on a subsequent trial, no choice of the aforesaid officers shall have been effected, the balloting shall be continued from day to day till a choice shall thus be effected. The board of aldermen shall, as soon as conveniently may be, examine the copies of the records of the several wards, certified as aforesaid, and shall cause the person who shall have received the greatest number of votes given for mayor in all the wards, to be notified in writing of his election; but if it shall appear that no person shall have been elected, or if the person elected shall refuse to accept the office, the said board shall issue their warrants for another election; and in case of a vacancy in the office of mayor, by death or otherwise, it shall be filled for the remainder of the term by a new election, in the manner heretofore provided for, in the choice of said mayor; and in the meantime the president pro tempore of the board of aldermen shall perform the duties of mayor. The oath prescribed by this act shall be administered to the mayor by the city clerk or any justice of the peace in said city. The aldermen and common councilmen elect, shall, on the second Monday of March, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, meet in convention, when the oath required by the second section of this act shall be administered to the members of the two boards present, by the mayor or any justice of the peace, and thereupon the two boards shall separate, and the board of common council shall be organized by the election of a president and clerk.

Meeting may adjourn from day to day.

Subsequent trial, result, how determined.

Aldermen to examine certificates and notify mayor elect.

If no election, may order another.

Vacancy to be filled by new election.

Meeting of aldermen and councilmen elect.

Oath of office.

Election of president and clerk of council.

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 6, 1883.