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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

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OF THE

## STATE OF MAINE

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS  
OF THE  
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**Chapter 346.**

An Act to amend the charter of the City of Westbrook.

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

Sect. 1. Chapter four hundred and eighty-six, of the private and special laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, entitled "An act to incorporate the city of Westbrook," is hereby amended according to the provisions of the following sections.

Chapter 486,  
private  
laws, 1889,  
amended.

Sect. 2. The general management and control of the public schools and of the school property, including school buildings and grounds in said city, shall continue to be vested in a school committee, to consist of seven members, instead of ten as provided in said act. Said school committee shall be elected by ballot by a plurality of the votes given, two members from the citizens at large by the legal voters of the city voting in their respective wards; and of the other five members, one shall be elected by each ward, being an inhabitant of the ward where elected. They shall hold their offices for the term of three years from the second Monday in March, and until others are elected and qualified in their places, except as hereinafter provided. At the annual election in March, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, said school committee shall be elected as follows; one member from ward one and one member from the citizens at large, for one year; one member each from wards two and five, for two years; one member each from wards three and four, and one member from the citizens at large, for three years; and as these terms expire the subsequent elections shall be for the full term of three years as above provided. All vacancies occurring in the school committee by death, resignation or removal from the city, shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired term by the remaining members; and if any such vacancy shall occur by the death, resignation or removal from the city of a member elected by a ward, the same shall be filled from the ward where it occurs.

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schools  
vested in a  
school com-  
mittee.

—how  
elected.

—tenure.

—when  
elected.

—vacan-  
cies.

Sect. 3. If from any cause there shall be a vacancy in the office of warden or ward clerk in any of the wards of the city, the same shall be filled by appointment by the mayor for the unexpired term.

Vacancies in of-  
fice of  
warden or  
clerk, how  
filled.

Sect. 4. A vacancy occurring in the city council by the death, resignation or removal from the city of any member thereof, shall be filled for the unexpired term by a plurality vote

Vacancies in city  
council,  
how filled.

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of the remaining members, voting by roll call. And if such vacancy be occasioned by the death, resignation or removal from the city of a member elected by a ward, the same shall be filled from the ward where it occurs.

Inconsis-  
tent acts,  
repealed.

Sect. 5. All provisions of the act hereby amended which are inconsistent with this act, are hereby repealed.

When act  
shall take  
effect.

Sect. 6. So far as relates to the number of the school committee and the manner of their election, this act shall take effect March one, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight; otherwise it shall take effect when approved.

Approved February 16, 1897.

### Chapter 347.

An Act authorizing the construction of a wharf into the tide waters of Casco Bay, and bridges over tide water, in the Town of Harpswell.

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

Benj.  
Thomp-  
son, et  
als.,  
author-  
ized to  
erect  
wharf.

Sect. 1. Benjamin Thompson and his assigns, as the owners of Little Whaleboat Island, situated in the town of Harpswell, in the county of Cumberland, are hereby authorized to erect and maintain in the tide waters of Casco bay, a wharf off the northerly end of said island, suitable for the landing of steamers, and to erect and maintain bridges from the large island to the small islands on the easterly and westerly sides thereof.

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

Approved February 16, 1897.

### Chapter 348.

An Act concerning the Portland and Rumford Falls Railway and the Rumford Falls and Buckfield Railroad Company.

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

Transfer of  
Rumford  
Falls and  
Buckfield  
Railroad,  
made valid.

Sect. 1. The sale and transfer, from the Rumford Falls and Buckfield Railroad Company to the Portland and Rumford Falls Railway, of the railroad, franchises and property of the Rumford Falls and Buckfield Railroad Company is approved and affirmed as legal and valid.

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

Approved February 16, 1897.