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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

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## STATE OF MAINE

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Chapter 402.

An Act to establish a Board of Fire Commissioners for the City of Auburn.

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

Board of fire commissioners for city of Auburn.

Sect. 1. The fire department of the city of Auburn shall hereafter be under the management and control of a board of fire commissioners, consisting of three members, who shall reside within the fire limits in said city, and shall serve without compensation.

Organization of fire commissioners and department, confirmed. —election of members.

Sect. 2. The organization of the board of fire commissioners, and fire department of said city, made under the ordinance thereof, ordained April third, eighteen hundred ninety-six, and the election of commissioners thereunder for the terms of three, two and one years respectively, are hereby confirmed and made valid. And hereafter, annually, on the third Monday in March, the city council shall elect, by ballot, one member of the board of fire commissioners for the term of three years. Any member of said board may be removed by the city council in the manner prescribed by the city charter for the removal of subordinate city officers. Any vacancy in said board may be filled for the unexpired term in the manner above described for election. Not more than two members of the same political party shall be elected. No member of said board shall be eligible to any salaried position under the commissioners.

—may be removed by council.

—vacancy, how filled.

Board shall keep record of proceedings.

Sect. 3. The board of fire commissioners shall keep a complete record of all its proceedings, which shall be open to the inspection of the city council or any member thereof. One of its members shall be chosen president, and another, secretary.

Duties shall be prescribed by ordinances of city.

Sect. 4. The board of fire commissioners shall have and exercise the powers and perform the duties which are or may be prescribed by ordinances of said city; and shall make such rules and regulations for the government of the fire department as they may deem advisable, subject to the approval of the city council.

Election of chief and assistant engineers.

Sect. 5. The board of fire commissioners shall, annually, in the month of April, elect the chief engineer and assistant engineers, subject to the approval of the municipal officers of said city, and may remove them, subject to like approval. Said engineers shall have and exercise all the powers, and be subject to all the duties of fire wards. The present chief engineer and assistant engineers shall hold office until their successors are

—powers and duties.

elected as herein provided. Said board shall appoint such engineers, fire police, and other subordinate officers and men as may be prescribed by ordinance of the city of Auburn.

Sect. 6. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 3, 1897.

### Chapter 403.

An Act to enable the Town of Dexter to establish a system of Water Works and Sewerage.

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

Sect. 1. The town of Dexter, in Penobscot county, is hereby authorized to establish a system of water works and sewerage for the purpose of supplying the town and its inhabitants with water for domestic, sanitary and municipal purposes including the extinguishment of fires, and for such sewerage as may be reasonable and proper.

Town authorized to establish water and sewerage works.

Sect. 2. Said town is hereby authorized to lay, construct and maintain in, under, through, along and across the highways, ways, streets, railroads, bridges and private property, and take up, replace and repair all such sluices, aqueducts, pipes, hydrants, ditches and sewers, as may be necessary for the purposes of this act, so as not unreasonably to obstruct, or unreasonably damage private property. It shall be responsible for all damages to persons and property occasioned by the use of said highways, ways, streets, ditches and sewers, and in the case of private property, for interest at the rate of six per cent per annum, from the time of the taking. In case of failure to agree with any railroad company, as to place, manner, and conditions of crossing its railroad with such pipe, the place, manner and conditions of such crossings shall be determined by the railroad commissioners, and all work within the limits of the railroad location shall be done under the supervision, and to the reasonable satisfaction of the officers and agents of the railroad company.

Authorized lay pipes in highways, etc.

—responsible for all damages.

—manner of crossing of any railroad, shall be determined by commissioners.

Sect. 3. Said town shall have power to cross any water course, private and public sewer, or to change the direction thereof when necessary, but in such manner as not to obstruct or impair the use thereof, and it shall be liable for any injury caused thereby. Whenever said town shall lay down any fix-

May cross any water course, private or public sewer.