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STATE OF MAINE

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justice the recorder may appoint one,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Section 15. If the judge and recorder are both necessarily absent, the judge may designate some trial justice in said county to perform the duties of recorder and if such judge does not so designate a trial justice the recorder may appoint one. Any trial justice of said city, if it has any, and if not, of either of the adjoining towns, may take cognizance of any action, matter or thing within the jurisdiction of a trial justice, wherein the judge of said court or recorder is a party interested.'

Judge may designate trial justice to perform duties of recorder.

—when judge or recorder is interested, action may be brought before trial justice.

Section 11. Section nineteen of said chapter is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and inserting in place thereof the words 'when this act shall take effect all writs and processes if otherwise properly brought, made returnable to terms of court held hereunder, shall be valid,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

Section 19, Chapter 114, special laws, 1903, amended.

'Section 19. When this act shall take effect all writs and processes if otherwise properly brought, made returnable to terms of court held hereunder, shall be valid.'

Writs and processes, valid.

Section 12. Section twenty is hereby added to read as follows:

Section 20, added.

'Section 20. Said court shall be known as the municipal as well as the police court for the city of Rockland, and all general laws using either designation shall be applicable thereto.'

Shall be known as municipal as well as police court.

Approved April 1, 1909.

**Chapter 369.**

An Act to change the tenure of office of the City Electrician of the City of Portland.

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

Section 1. Upon this act taking effect the city council of the city of Portland may elect a city electrician and define his duties by ordinance and fix his compensation. His term of office shall be five years from the taking effect of this act and until his successor is chosen and qualified. The term of office thereafter shall continue to be five years and until his successor is chosen and qualified. Any vacancy occurring in said office from whatsoever cause shall be filled by the city council for the unexpired term. The city electrician may be removed

City council may elect city electrician.

—term of office.

—vacancy, how filled.

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—may be removed for cause. Inconsistent acts and ordinances, repealed.

for inefficiency or other cause at any time by the mayor, by and with the consent of the board of aldermen.

Section 2. All acts or parts of acts and ordinances of the city of Portland inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved April 1, 1909.

### Chapter 370.

An Act to amend the Private and Special Laws pertaining to appointments to the Police Department of the City of Portland.

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

Section 6, Chapter 486, special laws, 1885, amended.

Section 1. Section six of chapter four hundred and eighty-six of the private and special laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-five is hereby amended so that as amended it shall read as follows:

Mayor shall appoint chief of police.

‘Section 6. The chief of police shall be appointed by the mayor and shall hold office for the term of five years, subject, however, after a hearing, to removal at any time by the mayor by and with the advice and consent of the aldermen, for inefficiency or other cause. The mayor may, for cause, suspend the chief of police from duty and such suspension shall continue in force until the next meeting of the aldermen. Upon the suspension of the chief of police, the duties of his office shall devolve temporarily upon the captain of police having seniority of appointment. The present chief of police shall be eligible to appointment under the provisions of this section, and if appointed his term of office shall begin from the time this act takes effect. Vacancies in said office shall be filled from the unexpired term.’

—mayor may suspend chief of police.

—present chief eligible.

—vacancies, how filled.

Section 1, Chapter 252, special laws, 1887, amended.

Section 2. Section one of chapter two hundred and fifty-two of the private and special laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-seven is hereby amended so that as amended it shall read as follows:

Captains of police of Portland, how appointed.

‘Section 2. Excepting as hereinafter provided, every appointment of captain of police shall be made by the mayor by selection, on recommendation of the chief of police, from those persons who have been regular members of the police force for a continuous period of at least twelve months before such appointment, and they may be reduced to the rank of policemen by the mayor, upon the written recommendation of the chief of police. They may be removed or suspended in the manner provided in chapter sixteen of the private and special

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