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Chapter 124

AN ACT to Amend the Charter of the City of Waterville to Provide for the Appointment of One Full-time Assessor.

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

P. & S. L., 1887, c. 195, § 8, repealed and replaced. Section 8 of chapter 195 of the private and special laws of 1887, as repealed and replaced by section 2 of chapter 56 of the private and special laws of 1945, is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Sec. 8. Assessors, their appointment or election, powers and duties; assessment and collection of taxes. There shall be 3 assessors of taxes to be appointed on the 1st Tuesday in January by the city council. One shall be a full-time assessor who shall serve for a term of 5 years. The other assessors shall serve for terms of 2 years, except that at the 1st appointment 1 shall serve for 1 year and the other for 2 years. The 3 assessors shall serve until their successors have been duly appointed and qualified. Any vacancy shall be filled by the city council for the unexpired term. Such assessors shall exercise the same powers and be subject to the same duties and liabilities that similar officers of the several towns and cities in the state may exercise, and may now or hereafter be subject under the laws of the state. The city council shall appoint an assistant assessor in each ward, whose duty it shall be to furnish the assessors with all the necessary information relative to persons and property taxable in his ward; he shall be sworn or affirmed to the faithful performance of his duty. All taxes shall be assessed, apportioned and collected in the manner prescribed by the laws of this state relative to town taxes, except as herein modified, and the city council may establish further or additional provisions for the collection thereof, and of interest thereon.'

Referendum; effective date. This act shall take effect 90 days after adjournment of the legislature, only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters of the city of Waterville voting by ballot at any regular or special election called under the provisions of the charter of the city of Waterville before January 1, 1950. The city clerk shall prepare the required ballots, on which he shall reduce the subject matter of this act to the following question: "Shall the Act to Amend the Charter of the City of Waterville to Provide for the Appointment of One Full-time Assessor, as passed by the 94th legislature, be accepted?" and the voters shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed under the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same. This act shall take effect for all the purposes hereof immediately upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal voters, voting at

said election; provided, however, that the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this act at said election equals or exceeds 20% of the total vote for all candidates for governor cast in said city at the next previous gubernatorial election. The result of the vote shall be declared by the municipal officers of said city of Waterville and due certificate thereof filed by the city clerk with the secretary of state.

Effective August 6, 1949

Chapter 125

AN ACT to Provide for a Police Commissioner for the City of Waterville.

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

Sec. 1. Appointment; term; qualifications. There is hereby established in the city of Waterville a police commissioner, who shall be a citizen of Waterville. The police commissioner shall be appointed by the mayor, with the consent and approval of the city government, for a term of 2 years, except that the term of the 1st police commissioner appointed under the provisions of this chapter shall expire at the expiration date of the city government then in power. No member of the city government, municipal officer, employee of the city of Waterville or any person while holding office or while receiving a pension from said city of Waterville shall act as police commissioner.

Sec. 2. Powers and duties. (a) The police commissioner of the city of Waterville shall have the authority to supervise and approve all appointments of the police force of the city of Waterville. Said commissioner shall also have power to appoint the marshal and deputy marshal and to remove all officers or patrolmen for cause. The appointment by said commissioner of any member of the police department shall be based on civil service regulations, and said police commissioner shall accept for appointment such persons as may receive the highest mark in any civil service examination, after having satisfactorily passed a physical examination based on civil service standards.

(b) All powers now vested in the present board of police are hereby vested and conferred in said police commissioner.

Sec. 3. Salary of police commissioner. The salary of the police commissioner shall be \$1 per year.

Sec. 4. Accommodations for department. The said police commissioner shall be provided with such rooms as shall be convenient and suit-