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## STATE OF MAINE.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND  
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AN ACT to incorporate the city of Belfast.

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

SECTION 1. The inhabitants of the town of Belfast,  
2 in the county of Waldo, shall continue to be a body  
3 politic and corporate by the name of the city of Bel-  
4 fast ; and as such shall have, exercise, and enjoy all  
5 the rights, immunities, powers, privileges and fran-  
6 chises, and be subject to all the duties and obligations  
7 now appertaining to, or incumbent upon said town as  
8 a municipal corporation or appertaining to or incum-

9 bent upon the inhabitants or selectmen thereof; and  
10 may ordain and publish such acts, laws and regula-  
11 tions, not inconsistent with the constitution and laws  
12 of this state, as shall be needful to the good order of  
13 said body politic; and impose fines and penalties for  
14 the breach thereof, not exceeding twenty dollars for  
15 any one offense, which may be recovered to the use of  
16 said city, by action of debt, or on complaint before  
17 the police court of said city.

SEC. 2. The administration of all the fiscal, pru-  
2 dential and municipal affairs, of said city, with the  
3 government thereof, shall be vested in one principal  
4 magistrate, to be styled the mayor; and one council  
5 of five, to be denominated the board of aldermen;  
6 and one council of ten, to be denominated the com-  
7 mon council, all of whom shall be inhabitants of said  
8 city; which boards shall constitute and be called the  
9 city council; all of whom shall be sworn to the faith-  
10 ful performance of the duties of their respective  
11 offices: *provided*, the city council shall not vote, assess  
12 or appropriate any money for any object or purpose  
13 for which the town of Belfast is not authorized to  
14 vote, assess or appropriate money, except for such

15 purposes as are authorized by this act. And *provided*,  
16 *further*, that neither the city council, nor any agent or  
17 officer of the city, shall borrow or hire any money for  
18 or on account of the city or inhabitants thereof,  
19 except for the purposes for which the town of Belfast  
20 is now by law authorized to raise money; and all  
21 notes, bonds, obligations, scrip or orders given by the  
22 city council or any officer or agent thereof, for money  
23 or property obtained for any other purposes shall be  
24 void.

SEC. 3. The mayor of said city shall be chief execu-  
2 tive magistrate thereof. It shall be his duty to be  
3 vigilant and active in causing the laws and regula-  
4 tions of the city to be executed and enforced, to  
5 exercise a general supervision over the conduct of all  
6 subordinate officers, and to cause their violations or  
7 neglect of duty to be punished. He may call special  
8 meetings of the board of aldermen and common  
9 council, or either of them, when in his opinion the  
10 interests of the city require it, by a notice in one or  
11 more of the papers printed in the city, or by causing  
12 a summons or notification to be given in hand or left  
13 at the usual dwelling place of each member of the

14 board or boards to be convened. He shall from time  
15 to time communicate to both of them such informa-  
16 tion, and recommend such measures as the business  
17 and interests of the city may in his opinion require.  
18 He shall preside in the board of aldermen and in the  
19 joint meetings of the two boards, but shall have only  
20 a casting vote. The salary and compensation of the  
21 mayor shall be one hundred and fifty dollars per year,  
22 which shall not be increased or diminished during his  
23 continuance in office, unless by the vote of the qual-  
24 ified electors in ward meetings called for the  
25 purpose. Nor shall he receive from the city any  
26 other compensation for any services by him rendered  
27 in any other capacity or agency; *provided, however,*  
28 the city council may elect the mayor to any city  
29 office, and allow him a reasonable compensation for  
30 such services; but the aldermen and common council-  
31 men shall receive no compensation for their services  
32 as such.

SEC. 4. The executive powers of said city gener-  
2 ally, and the administration of police, with all the  
3 powers of the selectmen of the town of Belfast, shall  
4 be vested in the mayor and aldermen as fully as if the

5 same had been herein particularly enumerated ; all  
6 other powers now vested in the inhabitants of said  
7 town, and all powers granted by this act, shall be  
8 vested in the mayor and aldermen and common  
9 council of said city, to be exercised by concurrent  
10 vote, each board to have a negative upon the other ;  
11 but all other elections of officers by the city council,  
12 shall be by joint ballot of the two boards in conven-  
13 tion. The city council shall, annually, on the third  
14 Monday of March, or as soon thereafter as conven-  
15 iently may be, elect and appoint all the subordinate  
16 officers and agents for the city, for the ensuing year,  
17 including a chief engineer and other engineers of the  
18 fire department, (which chief engineer, or in his  
19 absence, any two other engineers, shall have all the  
20 power and authority that fire wards now have ;) shall  
21 define their duties and fix their compensation, in cases  
22 where such duties and compensation shall not be  
23 defined and fixed by the laws of this state ; and may  
24 by concurrent vote remove officers, when in their  
25 opinion sufficient cause for removal exists. All offi-  
26 cers shall be chosen and vacancies supplied for the  
27 current year, except as herein otherwise directed.

28 All the said subordinate officers and agents shall hold  
29 their offices during the ensuing year and until others  
30 shall be elected and qualified in their stead, unless  
31 sooner removed by the city council. All moneys  
32 received and collected for and on account of the city,  
33 by any officer or agent thereof, shall forthwith be  
34 paid into the city treasury. The city council shall  
35 take care that moneys shall not be paid from the  
36 treasury unless granted or appropriated; shall secure  
37 a prompt and just accountability, by requiring bonds  
38 with sufficient penalty and sureties from all persons  
39 trusted with the receipt, custody or disbursement of  
40 money; shall have the care and superintendence of  
41 city buildings and the custody and management of all  
42 city property, with power to let or sell what may be  
43 legally let or sold; and to purchase and take in  
44 the name of the city, such real or personal property,  
45 not exceeding the sum of fifteen thousand dollars,  
46 including the property now owned by the town, as  
47 they may think useful to the public interest. And  
48 the city council shall, as often as once a year, cause  
49 to be published for the information of the inhabitants,  
50 a particular account of receipts and expenditures and



51 a schedule of the city property ; and no money shall  
52 be paid from the treasury unless the same be appro-  
53 priated by the city council, and upon a warrant signed  
54 by the mayor, which warrant shall state the appropri-  
55 ations under which the same is drawn.

SEC. 5. Every law, act, ordinance or bill appropri-  
2 ating money having passed both branches of the city  
3 council, shall be presented to the mayor of the city ;  
4 and if he approve the same he shall sign it ; if not,  
5 he shall return it, in seven days, with his objections,  
6 to that branch of the city council, in which it shall  
7 have originated, which branch shall enter the objec-  
8 tions at large on its journals and proceed to reconsider  
9 said law, act, ordinance or bill. If upon such recon-  
10 sideration a majority of the whole number of that  
11 branch shall agree to pass it, it shall be sent, together  
12 with the objections, to the other branch by which it  
13 shall be reconsidered, and if approved by a majority  
14 of the whole number of that branch, it shall have the  
15 same effect as if signed by the mayor.

SEC. 6. The city assessors, who shall be annually  
2 appointed by the city council, shall execute and be  
3 subject to the same powers, duties and liabilities that

4 the assessors in the several towns in this state may  
5 exercise and be subject to, under existing laws: *pro-*  
6 *vided, however,* that the city council may appoint one  
7 person in each ward, whose duty it shall be to furnish  
8 the assessors with all necessary information relative  
9 to persons and property, taxable in his ward, and who  
10 shall be sworn to the faithful performance of his duty.  
11 All taxes shall be assessed, apportioned and collected  
12 in the manner prescribed by the laws of this state  
13 relative to town taxes: *provided however,* that it shall  
14 and may be lawful for the city council to establish  
15 further and additional provisions for the collection  
16 thereof.

SEC. 7. The city council shall have exclusive au-  
2 thority and power to lay out any new street or public  
3 way, or widen or otherwise alter or discontinue any  
4 street or public way in said city, and to estimate the  
5 damages any individual may sustain thereby, and shall  
6 in all other respects be governed by and subject to the  
7 same rules and restrictions as are by law provided in  
8 this state, for regulating the laying out of public high-  
9 ways and repairing streets. And any person aggriev-  
10 ed by the decision or judgment of said city council,

11 may as far as relates to damages, have them assessed  
12 by a committee or jury as now by law provided ; and  
13 the county commissioners for Waldo county shall have  
14 power to lay out within said city, any part of any new  
15 county road, that shall by them be laid out in any ad-  
16 joining town or towns, and shall pass thence into or  
17 through said city, according to the provisions of law ;  
18 and any highway or town way, or bridge, which has  
19 been or may hereafter be located within said town or  
20 city, between high and low water mark, shall never-  
21 theless, be deemed to be legally located and established.

SE. 8. It shall be lawful for the city council, by a  
2 committee by them appointed or by instructions to the  
3 commissioner of street, to appropriate, set off and re-  
4 serve as side walks, such part or portions of the sev-  
5 eral streets in said city, now or hereafter to be estab-  
6 lished, as to said council may appear necessary for  
7 the safety, convenience and accommodation of foot  
8 passengers. It shall be lawful for the city counsel to  
9 permit or direct posts of wood or stone, or trees to  
10 be placed along the edge of said side walk next to  
11 the traveled part of the street, in such number and  
12 manner as they may deem necessary to protect said

13 side walks, and the persons traveling thereon from  
14 damage or inconvenience from teams or carriages.  
15 So much of the several streets in said city as shall be  
16 appropriated and reserved as side walks, agreeable to  
17 the provisions of this act, shall be taken and deemed  
18 to be reserved exclusively for the accommodation,  
19 convenience and use of persons traveling on foot;  
20 and said city shall not be liable for damages for any  
21 injury done or occasioned in consequence of any cart,  
22 carriage, wagon, truck or other vehicle or any team  
23 or animal striking against any of said side walks, or  
24 the posts or trees set or placed to defend the same.  
25 The several side walks on the streets in said city as  
26 at present established and used shall be taken and  
27 deemed to be the proper and lawful reservation for  
28 that purpose, until altered or otherwise established  
29 by the proper authority.

SEC. 9. The city council shall have power on such  
2 terms and conditions as they may think proper, to au-  
3 thorize and empower any person or corporation to  
4 place in any street, for such time as may be necessary,  
5 any materials for making or repairing any street, side  
6 walk, cross walk, bridge, water course or drain, or for

7 erecting, repairing or finishing any building or fences ;  
8 *provided*, that not more than one third of the width  
9 of the street shall be so occupied ; and such materials  
10 so placed by virtue of any licence obtained as afore-  
11 said, shall not be considered an incumbrance or nui-  
12 sance in such street, and the city or person or corpor-  
13 ation so placing the same, shall not be liable for any  
14 damages occasioned by such materials.

SEC. 10. All the laws and regulations now in force  
2 in said town of Belfast, shall, notwithstanding this act  
3 be and remain in force until they expire by their own  
4 limitations or be revised or repealed by the city coun-  
5 cil ; and prosecutions and suits may be commenced  
6 and proceeded thereon in the name of city, by officers  
7 or other persons thereby empowered or directed to  
8 prosecute and sue ; and the fines and penalties shall  
9 go to the uses in such laws or regulations named  
10 according to law.

SEC. 11. A police court shall be and hereby is  
2 established, in and for the city, to be denominated  
3 the police court of the city of Belfast, to consist of  
4 one judge, who shall be appointed and commissioned  
5 in the manner provided by the constitution, who shall  
6 have concurrent jurisdiction with justices of the

7 peace, in all matters, civil and criminal, under twenty  
8 dollars, within the county of Waldo, and original and  
9 exclusive jurisdiction in all civil actions in which both  
10 parties interested, or in which the party, plaintiff, and  
11 the person or persons summoned as trustees shall be  
12 inhabitants of or residents of said city of Belfast,  
13 excepting all actions in which said judge may be  
14 interested; and said court shall also have concurrent  
15 jurisdiction with justices of the peace and quorum in  
16 all cases of forcible entry and detainer, arising in said  
17 county, and original and exclusive jurisdiction in all  
18 such cases arising in the city, and shall also have  
19 original and exclusive jurisdiction of all violations of  
20 the by-laws of said city. And any person aggrieved  
21 by any judgment awarded by said court may appeal  
22 therefrom to the district court for said county, in like  
23 manner as if the same had been awarded by any  
24 justice of the peace, or justices of the peace and  
25 quorum.

SEC. 12. It shall be the duty of said court to make  
2 and keep its own records, which records shall be such  
3 as would be legal records in a court of a justice of  
4 the peace. And copies of the records of said court,  
5 duly certified, shall be evidence in the other courts of

6 this state. Said court shall be holden on the first and  
7 third Monday of each month, at nine of the clock in  
8 the forenoon, at such place as the city shall provide  
9 for the purpose, for the transaction of civil business ;  
10 and all civil process shall be made returnable accord-  
11 ingly. And the fees in all cases, civil and criminal,  
12 shall be the same as are now taxable by justices of  
13 the peace : *provided*, that the price of blank writs,  
14 signed by said judge, shall be one cent and no more.  
15 And all fines, penalties and costs, which may be  
16 awarded by said court, in the administration of its  
17 criminal jurisdiction, shall be accounted for and paid  
18 over by said judge, in the same manner as if the same  
19 had been awarded by the sentence of a justice of the  
20 peace.

SEC. 13. In case of death, or sickness or other dis-  
2 ability of the said judge, to attend at the time and  
3 place as provided in the preceding section for the  
4 transaction of civil business, the said court shall stand  
5 adjourned until the next term of said court, and so  
6 from term to term, without costs to either party, until  
7 the judge is able to attend. And in case of disability  
8 as aforesaid, to perform the other duties of his office,

9 the criminal jurisdiction of said court shall devolve  
10 upon the justices of the peace for the county of  
11 Waldo, during the continuance of said disability, and  
12 until such proceedings as are instituted during the  
13 continuance of said disability shall have received the  
14 final adjudication of said justices.

SEC. 14. The city of Belfast shall have the power,  
2 and it shall be its duty to raise money to provide a  
3 suitable room in which to hold said court, and to fur-  
4 nish the same in an appropriate manner. The judge  
5 of the said police court shall have for his compensa-  
6 tion all the court fees arising in any matter in any  
7 way connected with his office; said fees to be such  
8 as are by law taxed and received by justices of the  
9 peace for all similar services. And the said judge  
10 shall not act as counsel or attorney, in any case within  
11 the jurisdiction of said court, nor in any suit, matter  
12 or thing which may depend on, or have relation to  
13 any case, matter or thing depending or cognizable in  
14 said court.

SEC. 15. All actions, suits, matters and things  
2 which may be pending before justices of the peace in  
3 the town of Belfast, and all writs, executions, war-



4 rants, recognizances and processes, returnable to said  
5 justices when this act takes effect, shall be returnable  
6 to them in like manner as if it had not taken effect ;  
7 and said justices shall have full power and authority  
8 to grant execution and to carry into effect any judg-  
9 ment rendered by them, and to complete all processes  
10 commenced by or before them in the same manner  
11 as they might have done, had not this act been  
12 passed.

SEC. 16. For the purpose of holding elections, said  
2 city shall be divided into five wards, to contain as  
3 near as conveniently may be, an equal number of legal  
4 voters ; and it shall be the duty of the city council  
5 once in ten years, and not oftener than five years to  
6 review, and if it be needful, to alter said wards, in  
7 such manner as to preserve as nearly as may be an  
8 equal number of legal voters in each. In each of  
9 said wards, there shall annually, on the second Mon-  
10 day of March, be chosen by ballot, a warden and clerk  
11 who shall hold their offices for one year and until  
12 others shall have been chosen and qualified in their  
13 places. Said warden and clerk shall be sworn to the  
14 faithful performance of their respective duties, by any

15 justice of the peace of said city, or by the person  
16 presiding in said ward meeting, or by the clerk of said  
17 ward, and a certificate of such oaths having been ad-  
18 ministered, shall be entered by the clerk on the rec-  
19 ords of the ward. The wardens shall preside at all  
20 ward meetings, with the power of moderators at town  
21 meetings; and if at any meeting the warden should  
22 not be present, the clerk of such ward shall call the  
23 meeting to order and preside until a warden *pro tem*  
24 shall be chosen. If neither of them should be pres-  
25 ent any legal voter in the ward, may preside until a  
26 clerk *pro tem* shall be chosen and qualified. The  
27 clerk shall record all the proceedings and certify the  
28 votes given, and deliver over to his successor in office  
29 all such records and journals, together with all other  
30 documents and papers held by him in said capacity.  
31 The inhabitants of each ward may choose two per-  
32 sons to assist the warden in receiving, sorting and  
33 counting the votes. The list of the names of the  
34 legal voters in each ward shall be prepared by the  
35 assessors and board of alderman assisted by the ward-  
36 ens, in the same manner and under the same restric-  
37 tions as are imposed by the laws of this state on the

38 assessors and selectmen of towns; and all regular  
39 ward meetings shall be notified and called by the may-  
40 or and aldermen in the manner prescribed by the laws  
41 of this state for notifying and calling town meetings  
42 by the selectmen of the several towns, excepting that  
43 ward meetings for the election of mayor after the  
44 second trial, may be called within the time provided  
45 in such cases in this act.

SEC. 17. The mayor shall be elected from the citi-  
2 zens at large, by the inhabitants of the city, voting in  
3 their respective wards; one alderman and two com-  
4 mon councilmen shall be elected by each ward, being  
5 residents in the wards where elected; all said officers  
6 shall be elected by ballot, by a majority of the votes  
7 given, and shall hold their offices one year from the  
8 third Monday in March, and until others shall be  
9 elected in their places.

SEC. 18. At the annual election holden for the  
2 choice of mayor and aldermen, the qualified electors  
3 in each ward shall by ballot elect a constable, who  
4 shall be denominated city constable, with all the pow-  
5 ers, duties and liabilities appertaining to the office of  
6 constable.

SEC. 19. On the second Monday of March, annually, immediately after a warden and clerk shall have been elected and sworn, the qualified electors of each ward shall ballot for a mayor, one alderman and two 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 to each, to be written on the ward record at length. The ward clerk, within twenty-four hours after such election, shall deliver to the persons elected aldermen and common councilmen, 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 and common councilmen cannot conveniently be effected on that day, the meeting may be adjourned from day to day to complete such election. If on the second balloting for any aldermen, common councilmen, constable, warden or clerk, a choice shall not be effected by a majority vote, then the persons receiving the highest number of votes for any of those offices at the subsequent trial, shall be declared

24 elected ; if no one shall then have such highest num-  
25 ber, the balloting shall be continued from day to day  
26 until a choice is thus effected. The board of alder-  
27 men shall as soon as conveniently may be, examine  
28 the copies of the records of the several wards certified  
29 as aforesaid, and shall cause the person who shall  
30 have been elected mayor, by a majority of votes  
31 given in all the wards, to be notified in writing of his  
32 election ; but if it shall appear that no person shall  
33 have been elected, or if the person elected shall refuse  
34 to accept the office, the said board shall issue their  
35 warrants for one other election ; and in case the citi-  
36 zens should fail on a second ballot to elect a mayor,  
37 the said board shall again issue their warrants for a  
38 third election to be held not less than three nor more  
39 than four days thereafter ; at which election the can-  
40 didate having the greatest number of votes shall be  
41 declared elected and notified as aforesaid ; if no one  
42 shall then have such number, further elections shall in  
43 the same manner be ordered, till a choice shall be  
44 made, by some one having the highest number of  
45 votes ; and in case of a vacancy in the office of  
46 mayor by death, resignation or otherwise, it shall be

47 filled for the remainder of the term by a new election,  
48 in the manner hereinbefore provided for the choice  
49 of said officer; and in the meantime the president  
50 pro tempore of the board of aldermen shall perform  
51 the duties of mayor. The oath prescribed by this act  
52 shall be administered to the mayor by the city clerk,  
53 or any justice of the peace in said city. The alder-  
54 men and common councilmen, elect, shall on the third  
55 Monday of March, at ten of the clock in the forenoon,  
56 meet in convention, when the oath required by the  
57 second section of this act, shall be administered to the  
58 members of the two boards present, by the mayor or  
59 any justice of the peace, and thereupon the two  
60 boards shall separate, and the board of common  
61 council shall be organized by the election of a presi-  
62 dent and clerk.

SEC. 20. The city clerk shall be the clerk of the  
2 board of aldermen; he shall perform such duties as  
3 shall be prescribed by the board of aldermen or com-  
4 mon council; and shall perform all duties, and exer-  
5 cise all the powers by law incumbent upon, or vested  
6 in, the town clerk of the town of Belfast; he shall  
7 give notice in one or two of the papers printed in

8 said city of the time and place of regular ward meet-  
9 ings; but the place of regular ward meetings, and  
10 also the day and hour, when not fixed by law, shall  
11 be determined by the board of aldermen. The board  
12 of aldermen may, in the absence of the mayor, choose  
13 a president pro tempore, who shall preside at joint  
14 meetings of the two boards. Each board shall keep  
15 a record of its proceedings, and judge of the election  
16 of its own members; and in case of failure of election  
17 or vacancy by death, resignation or otherwise, may  
18 order new elections. A quorum for the transaction  
19 of business, shall in each board, consist of a majority  
20 of the members thereof; all meetings of the aldermen  
21 and common council, and all meetings of the two  
22 boards in convention, shall be open and public, and  
23 the presiding officer of each of them, shall have the  
24 power of moderators of town meetings. At either of  
25 said meetings, when any two members shall request  
26 it, the vote shall be taken by yeas and nays, which  
27 shall be recorded by the clerk.

SEC. 21. General meetings of the citizens, qualified  
2 to vote in city affairs, may, from time to time, be held  
3 to consult upon the public good: to instruct their

4 representatives, and to take all lawful measures to  
5 obtain redress of any grievances according to the  
6 right secured to the people by the constitution of this  
7 state, and such meetings may, and shall be duly  
8 warned by the mayor and aldermen, upon the requi-  
9 sition of thirty qualified voters of said city.

SEC. 22. It shall be the duty of the selectmen of  
2 the town of Belfast, as soon as may be, after this act  
3 shall have been accepted, as hereinafter provided, to  
4 cause a division of said town to be made into five  
5 wards, in such manner as to include, as nearly as con-  
6 veniently may be, consistently with well defined limits  
7 to each ward, an equal number of voters in each ward.

SEC. 23. For the purpose of organizing the system  
2 of government hereby established, and putting the  
3 same in operation in the first instance, the selectmen  
4 of the town for the time being, shall seasonably,  
5 before the second Monday of March, next after the  
6 acceptance of this charter, issue their warrants for  
7 calling meetings of the said citizens, at such place  
8 and hour upon said day as they shall think expedient,  
9 for the purpose of choosing a warden and clerk for  
10 each ward, and also to give their votes for a mayor



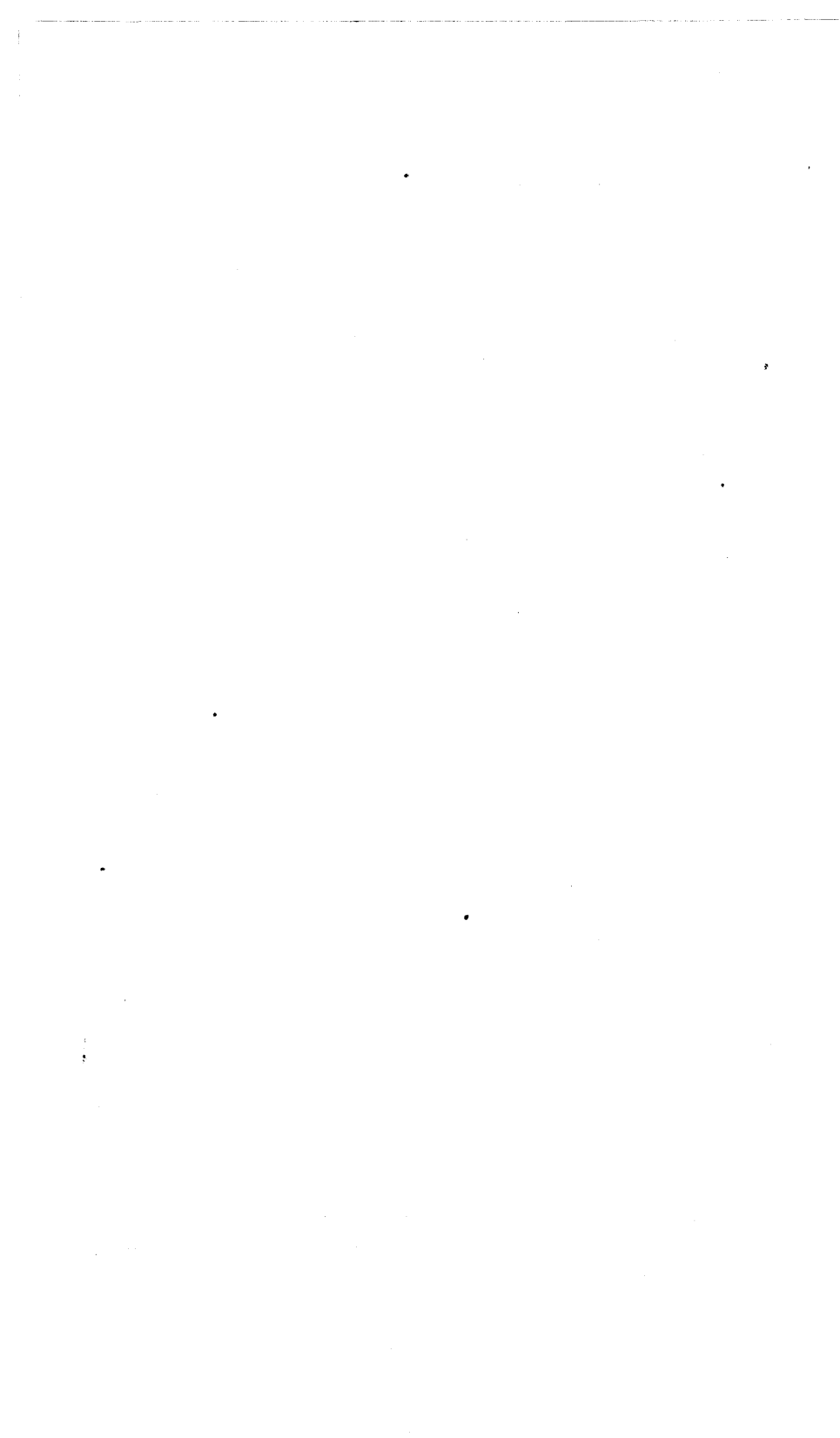
11 to be taken from the city at large, and one alderman  
12 and two common councilmen, and one constable, for  
13 each ward ; the transcript of the records of each  
14 ward, specifying the votes given for mayor, one alder-  
15 man and two common councilmen, and one consta-  
16 ble, certified by the warden and clerk of said ward,  
17 shall at said first election be returned to the said  
18 selectmen of the said town of Belfast, whose duty it  
19 shall be to examine and compare the same ; and in  
20 case such elections shall not be completed at the first  
21 election, then to issue a new warrant until such elec-  
22 tions shall be completed according to the provisions  
23 of this act ; and to give notice thereof in the man-  
24 ner hereinbefore directed, to the several persons  
25 elected. And at said first meeting, any inhabitant  
26 of said ward, being a legal voter, may call the citi-  
27 zens to order and preside until a warden shall have  
28 been chosen ; and at said first meeting, a list of voters  
29 in each ward, prepared and corrected by the select-  
30 men of the town of Belfast, for the time being, shall be  
31 delivered to the clerk of each ward when elected, to  
32 be used as provided by the law in town meetings ; and

33 it shall be the duty of the city council in convention,  
34 immediately after their first organization, to elect by  
35 ballot, a city clerk, and all other necessary city offi-  
36 cers, who shall hold their offices respectively until  
37 others are chosen and qualified in their places.

SEC. 24. This act shall take effect and be in full  
2 force when the same shall have been accepted by the  
3 inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in town af-  
4 fairs, at a legal town meeting called for that purpose ;  
5 *provided*, it shall be accepted within two years from the  
6 passage of this act, but not more than one meeting,  
7 for that purpose, shall be called in the same year.  
8 And at such meeting the inhabitants of said town shall  
9 vote by awritten ballot, those in favor of accepting  
10 this act having on the ballot the word " yes," and those  
11 opposed having on the ballot the word " no ;" and if a  
12 majority of all the ballots received, are in favor of ac-  
13 cepting the same, it shall then become a law and take  
14 effect. And it shall be the duty of the clerk of said  
15 town to file a copy of the record of the vote of said  
16 town accepting the same, with the clerk of the city  
17 of Belfast, when elected, who shall transcribesh such

18 copy into the records of the city, and such record  
19 shall be conclusive evidence that this act has been  
20 accepted.

SEC. 25. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with  
2 the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed from  
3 and after the time when this act shall have been ac-  
4 cepted as aforesaid, and the new system of govern-  
5 men organized, as herein provided.



## STATE OF MAINE.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 29, 1850.

ORDERED, That 350 copies of the foregoing bill, be printed for the use of the Legislature.

EDMUND W. FLAGG, *Clerk.*