

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

Sixty-Eighth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 243.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED
AND NINETY-SEVEN

AN ACT to amend the charter of the City of Bangor.

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

Section 1. Section 2 of chapter 436 of the private and
2 special laws of 1834, entitled "An act to incorporate the city
3 of Bangor," as amended by chapter 157 of the private and
4 special laws of 1858, entitled "An Act to amend the city
5 charter of Bangor so that aldermen and councilmen shall not
6 hold subordinate offices," is hereby further amended by add-
7 ing to said section 2 the following: "The city council shall
8 determine the time of holding its stated or regular meetings.

9 Special meetings of the city council shall be called by the city
10 clerk, upon written request signed by the mayor, or by at
11 least ten members of the city council. Notices of special
12 meetings shall be given by causing a summons or notifica-
13 tion, signed by the city clerk, to be given in hand to each
14 member of the city council, or to be left at his usual place of
15 abode, or at his regular place of business within business
16 hours, at least twenty-four hours before the time named for
17 such meeting.' So that said section as amended shall read
18 as follows:

'Section 2. That the administration of all the fiscal, pru-
20 dential and municipal affairs of said city, with the govern-
21 ment thereof, shall be vested in one principal magistrate,
22 to be styled the mayor, and one council of seven, to be
23 denominated the board of aldermen, and one council of
24 twenty-one, to be denominated the common council, all of
25 whom shall be inhabitants of said city; which boards shall
26 constitute and be called the city council, and shall be sworn
27 to the faithful performance of the duties of their respective
28 offices. And no person elected to the office of alderman or
29 common councilman and who has accepted said office, shall
30 hold any other office to which any pay is attached, or from
31 which any profit is derived, in or under the administration
32 of the government of said city, or in the management of the
33 affairs or interests thereof, during the time for which he is
34 so elected; excepting that one street engineer may be taken
35 from the board of aldermen, and one from the common

36 council. The city council shall determine the time of hold-
37 ing its stated or regular meetings. Special meetings of the
38 city council shall be called by the city clerk, upon written
39 request signed by the mayor, or by at least ten members of
40 the city council. Notices of special meetings shall be given
41 by causing a summons or notification, signed by the city
42 clerk, to be given in hand to each member of the city council,
43 or to be left at his usual place of abode, or at his regular
44 place of business within business hours, at least twenty-four
45 hours before the time named for such meeting.'

Sect. 2. Section 3 of said act is hereby amended by strik-
2 ing out in the eighth line the word "and" and inserting in
3 the place thereof the word 'or,' and by strikng out in the
4 ninth line the words "or either of them," and by striking
5 out in the thirteenth line the words "or boards," so that said
6 section as amended shall read as follows:

'Section 3. That the mayor of said city shall be the chief
8 executive magistrate thereof. It shall be his duty to be
9 vigilant and active in causing the laws and regulations of
10 the city to be executed and enforced; to exercise a general
11 supervision over the conduct of all subordinate officers, and
12 to cause their violations of law or neglect of duty to be
13 punished. He may call special meetings of the board of
14 aldermen or common council, when, in his opinion, the
15 interest of the city requires it, by a notice in two or more
16 of the newspapers printed in the city, or by causing a sum-
17 mons or notification to be left at the usual dwelling place

18 of each member of the board to be convened. He shall,
19 from time to time, communicate to both of them such
20 information, and recommend such measures, as the busi-
21 ness and interest of the city may in his opinion require.
22 He shall preside in the board of aldermen, and in joint
23 meetings of the two boards, but shall have only a casting
24 vote. He shall receive for his services a salary, to be fixed
25 by the city council, payable at stated periods, and shall
26 receive therefor no other compensation; and the same shall
27 not be increased nor diminished during the period for which
28 he is elected; provided, however, that the city council may
29 appoint the mayor commissioner of streets, and allow him
30 a suitable compensation for such service; but the alder-
31 men and common council shall receive no compensation
32 for their services.'

Sect. 3. This act shall not take effect, or be in force, until
2 it is accepted by a majority of the legal voters of said city,
3 voting thereon in their several wards at meetings called for
4 that purpose, in the usual manner that meetings are called
5 by the mayor and aldermen of said city. And the votes
6 thereon shall be returned to, and counted and declared by
7 the mayor and aldermen.

Sect. 4. This act shall take effect when approved by the
2 governor, so far as to allow its immediate submission to the
3 people of Bangor, and shall have full effect when accepted
4 as herein provided.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

March 5, 1897.

Reported by Mr. FLOYD of Brewer, from Committee on Legal Affairs,
and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*