

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

Seventieth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 183

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND ONE.

AN ACT to amend the Charter of the city of Portland.

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

Section 1. Section 4 of chapter 275, of the Private and
2 Special Laws of the state of Maine, approved March 24, 1863,
3 is hereby amended, by adding after the word "council" at the
4 end of the fifth line, the words, 'provided said stated session
5 is held at least one week after the aforesaid law, act, ordin-
6 ance, resolve or order is presented to the mayor for his
7 approval,' and by adding after the word "mayor" in the
8 twelfth line of said section the words, 'The mayor shall have
9 the right to approve as a whole any resolve or order involv-

10 ing the appropriation or expenditure of money, or to approve
11 or disapprove specific items thereof, and the portions ap-
12 proved shall thereby be in force in like manner as if no part
13 thereof had been disapproved, and the portion or portions
14 disapproved shall thereupon take the same course, as herein
15 provided, as though said resolve or order had been disap-
16 proved as a whole,' so that said section as amended shall
17 read:

'Sect. 4. Every law, act, ordinance, resolve or order, requir-
19 ing the consent of both branches of the city council, except-
20 ing rules and orders of a parliamentary character, shall be
21 presented' to the mayor for approval. If not approved by
22 him he shall return it, with his objections, at the next stated
23 session of the city council, provided said stated session is
24 held at least one week after the aforesaid law, act, ordinance,
25 resolve or order is presented to the mayor for his approval,
26 to that branch in which it originated, which shall enter the
27 objections at large on its journal and proceed to reconsider
28 the same. If upon such reconsideration it shall be passed
29 by a vote of two-thirds of all the members of that branch,
30 it shall be sent, together with the objections, to the other
31 branch, by which it shall be reconsidered, and, if passed by
32 two-thirds of that branch, it shall have the same effect as if
33 signed by the mayor. The mayor shall have the right to
34 approve as a whole any resolve or order involving the appro-
35 priation and expenditure of money, or to approve or dis-
36 approve specific items thereof, and the portions approved
37 shall thereby be in force in like manner as if no part thereof
38 had been disapproved, and the portion or portions disap-
39 proved shall thereupon take the same course, as herein pro-
40 vided, as though said resolve or order had been disapproved
41 as a whole. In case of vacancy in the office of mayor, when
42 said law, act, ordinance, resolve or order be finally passed,
43 the same shall be valid without approval.'

Sect. 2. Section 6 of said act is amended by striking out
2 the words, "second Monday in March" in the eleventh line
3 thereof, and inserting the words, 'second Monday in Decem-
4 ber.' Section 8 of said act is amended by striking out the
5 words, "second Monday in March" in the first and second
6 lines thereof, and inserting the words, 'second Monday in
7 December.' Section 12 of said act is amended by striking
8 out the words, "second Monday in March" in the sixth and
9 seventh lines thereof, and inserting the words, 'second Mon-
10 day in December.' Section 13 of said act is amended by
11 striking out the words, "first Monday in March" in the first
12 line thereof, and inserting the words, 'first Monday in Decem-
13 ber' and by striking out the words, "second Monday in
14 March" in the twenty-ninth line thereof, and inserting the
15 words, 'second Monday in December.'

Sect. 3. The terms of office of all city officers, including
2 subordinate city officers, that would otherwise expire on the
3 second Monday of March, A. D. 1902, shall expire on the
4 second Monday of December, A. D. 1901, or as soon there-
5 after as other persons are qualified in their places.

Sect. 4. All acts and parts of acts, inconsistent herewith,
2 are hereby repealed.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, February 20, 1901.

Reported by Mr. CHASE of Portland, from Committee on the
Judiciary, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*