

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

Seventy-first Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 49

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to Establish a Street and Sewer Commission for the
City of Bath.

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

Section 1. All work done and money expended by the city
2 of Bath in the building and maintenance of streets, sidewalks,
3 bridges, public landings and drains and sewers shall be under
4 the direction of a board to be designated the Street and Sewer
5 Commission, who shall have charge and control of all property
6 and apparatus held by the city of Bath for use in this depart-
7 ment and shall have the powers of surveyors of highways.

Sect. 2. This board shall consist of five members, including
2 the mayor, who shall be a member ex-officio.

Sect. 3. The other four members to be citizens of Bath, who shall be elected by the voters at the annual municipal election in March, one to be elected each year to serve four years.

Sect. 4. At the first election of this board four members shall be elected, one to serve one year, one to serve two years, one to serve three years and one to serve four years, the term of each to be determined by lot among the members at their first meeting.

Sect. 5. Any vacancy occurring in the board may be filled for the remainder of the current municipal year by ballot of the city council in joint convention, and at the next municipal election a member shall be elected to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term.

Sect. 6. No member of the city council shall be eligible for service upon this board, and no two members of the board shall be residents of the same ward.

Sect. 7. This board shall on the third Monday in March organize by the choice of one of its members, other than the mayor, as chairman, and shall elect a secretary whose duty it shall be to keep a record of the proceedings of the board, to notify members of meetings and perform such other duties as the board may elect.

Sect. 8. The board shall also elect a superintendent of streets and sewers who shall have executive charge of work under the direction and control of the board. He may contract for necessary labor and materials subject at all times to the approval of the board, to whom he shall render an account monthly, or oftener if required, of all receipts, expenditures and outstanding bills.

Sect. 9. The weekly pay roll and all bills not passed upon by the board shall be approved by the chairman of the board, or in his absence by some member designated by him before being paid from the city treasury.

Sect. 10. The compensation of the secretary of the board
2 and of the superintendent of streets and sewers shall be fixed
3 by the board and shall be paid from the appropriation made
4 for the work of the board.

Sect. 11. The board shall, at the beginning of each year,
2 submit to the city council for its guidance in making appro-
3 priations, a statement of work proposed to be done in its
4 department, with approximate estimates of cost, and such
5 other information regarding its work as the city council may
6 require, and shall at the close of the year make a full, detailed
7 report to the city council of receipts and expenditures and of
8 work done, and shall have no authority to make expenditures
9 in excess of the amount appropriated for its use by the city
10 council, and no part of said appropriation shall be paid to
11 any member of the board for services as a member of the
12 commission.

Sect. 12. The first election under this act shall be held
2 at the municipal election next after the act shall have been
3 accepted by the city of Bath, and the other provisions of the
4 act shall take effect at the beginning of the municipal year
5 immediately following, and any and all acts or parts of acts
6 now in force which conflict with the same are hereby repealed.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, February 4, 1903.

Reported by Mr. PATTEN of Brunswick, from Committee on Judiciary,
and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*