

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Seventy-first Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 496

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to amend the charter of the city of Lewiston and to provide for a street, sewer and permanent improvement department.

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

Section 1. A board, to be known as the Board of Public  
2 Works, is hereby established in and for the City of Lewiston,  
3 which shall have and exercise all the powers and be charged  
4 with all the duties relative to the construction, maintenance,  
5 care and control of the streets, highways, bridges, sidewalks,  
6 drains and sewers in said city which are now conferred or  
7 imposed upon the City Council, Municipal Officers and Com-  
8 missioners of streets, by the charter and ordinances of said  
9 city, and the general laws of the state.

Sect. 2. The board shall consist of seven members, one of whom shall be the mayor, ex-officio; and one of said board shall be chosen annually, in the month of February, by the joint vote of both branches of the city council, and shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of his duties, and shall hold his office for the term of six years unless removed by the city council for cause. In case a member of the board is elected to and accepts the office of mayor, his office as member of this board shall be vacated and such vacancy shall be filled as hereinafter provided.

Sect. 3. At the first election which shall be held in the month of February, one thousand nine hundred and four, or as soon thereafter as may be, one member shall be elected for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years, one for five years and one for six years, and after the first election one member to be chosen each year for a term of six years, as hereinbefore provided, unless it becomes necessary to fill a vacancy caused by death, resignation, or removal, in which event the election shall be for the unexpired term of the incumbent whose place has been made vacant, and such vacancy may be filled for the remainder of such unexpired term by ballot of the city council in joint convention.

Sect. 4. No member of the city council shall be eligible for service upon this board, except as hereinbefore provided.

Sect. 5. This board shall, on the third Monday in March, organize by the choice of one of its members 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. 6. 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. Said superintendent may contract for necessary labor and materials, subject at all times to the approval of the board, to whom he shall

6 render an account monthly, or oftener if required of all re-  
7 ceipts, expenditures and outstanding bills.

Sect. 7. The weekly pay roll and all bills not passed upon  
2 by the board shall be approved by the chairman of the board,  
3 or in his absence by some member designated by him, before  
4 being paid from the city treasury.

Sect. 8. The compensation of the superintendent of streets  
2 and sewers shall be fixed by the board and shall be paid from  
3 the appropriation made for the work of the board.

Sect. 9. The board shall, at the beginning of each financial  
2 year, submit to the city council for its guidance in making  
3 appropriations, a statement of work proposed to be done in  
4 its 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 any  
11 member of the board for services as a member of the board.

Sect. 10. This act shall take effect on the third Monday of  
2 March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and  
3 four, except for the purposes enumerated in section 3, hereof;  
4 and for the purposes enumerate in said section 3, this act  
5 shall take effect on the first day of February in the year of our  
6 Lord one thousand nine hundred and four. All acts and  
7 parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

AUGUSTA, March 20, 1903.

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

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*