

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

216

STATE OF MAINE.

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

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

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

The Charter of the City of Portland is hereby amended by adding thereto the following provisions:

Section 1. The Mayor of the City of Portland shall on the 2 third Monday of March, A. D. 1909 appoint one overseer 3 of the poor for said city and the term of office of overseers 4 of the poor for the City of Portland then in office shall there- 5 upon cease. Such overseer so appointed shall hold his of- 6 fice for the term of one year and thereafter the Mayor shall 7 annually on the third Monday of March appoint such of- 8 ficer for the term of one year. He may be removed by the 9 Mayor and board of aldermen for cause after notice and

10 hearing. In case any vacancy shall occur at any time it may
11 be filled in the same manner for the unexpired term.

Sect. 2. Such overseer so appointed shall perform all the
2 duties and exercise all the powers incumbent upon or vested
3 in overseers of the poor by law and such further and other
4 duties as may be prescribed by the City Council, and shall
5 receive therefor such salary as the City Council shall deter-
6 mine.

Sect. 3. Such overseer shall keep full record of all his do-
2 ings, which record shall at all times be open to the inspection
3 of the city council, and shall make report to said city coun-
4 cil annually, or as much oftener as ordered, and said city
5 council shall have power to inquire into the action of said
6 overseer at all times and to require of him a full explanation
7 of his doings.

Sect. 4. Said overseer shall not be directly or indirectly
2 interested in any contract made by him and any such con-
3 tract made in violation of the provisions of this section shall
4 be void and shall constitute cause for his removal from office.

Sect. 5. The city council shall annually appropriate such
2 sums of money as they may deem necessary and sufficient to
3 carry on the work of said overseer. Such appropriation
4 shall be drawn from the city treasury in such manner as the
5 city council may from time to time by ordinance direct.

Sect. 6. Annually, at the organization of the city council
2 of said city, or as soon thereafter as may be, the Mayor shall
3 appoint one member of the board of aldermen and the presi-

4 dent of the common council shall appoint one member of
5 the board of common council, who shall with the Mayor
6 acting as chairman of said committee ex officio, constitute
7 a committee to be called the committee on charities, which
8 shall have general supervision of the work of said overseer.
9 Said committee shall at the end of every month audit all ac-
10 counts of said overseer and make monthly reports of the
11 same to the city council.

Sect. 7. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith
2 are hereby repealed, and all provisions of the charters and all
3 ordinances of said City of Portland inconsistent herewith,
4 are hereby repealed.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, Feb. 17, 1909.

Tabled pending reference to a committee by Mr. TRUE of
Portland and ordered printed.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*