

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 590

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 Belfast.

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

Section 1. Section four of the Charter of the City of Belfast is hereby amended by inserting after the word "year" first appearing in said section four, the words 'except Road Commissioner, who shall be elected by ballot, as now done by towns, at an annual election for a term of two years,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

'Section 4. The executive powers of said city generally, and the administration of police, with all the powers of selectmen of the town of Belfast, shall be vested in the mayor and aldermen as fully as if the same had been herein particularly enumerated; all other powers now vested in the inhabi-

12 tants of said town, and all powers granted by this act, shall be
13 vested in the mayor and aldermen and common council of
14 said city, to be exercised by concurrent vote, each board to
15 have a negative upon the other ; but all elections of officers
16 by the city council, shall be by joint ballot of the two boards
17 in convention. The city council shall, annually, on the third
18 Monday of March, or as soon thereafter as conveniently may
19 be, elect and appoint all the subordinate officers and agents
20 for the city for the ensuing year, except Road Commissioner,
21 who shall be elected by ballot, as now done by towns, at an
22 annual election for a term of two years., including a chief en-
23 gineer and other engineers of the fire department (which
24 chief engineer, or in his absence, any two other engineers,
25 shall have all the power and authority that fire wards now
26 have) ; shall define their duties and fix their compensation, in
27 cases where such duties and compensation shall not be de-
28 fined and fixed by laws of this State ; and may by concurrent
29 vote remove officers, when in their opinion sufficient cause for
30 removal exists. All officers shall be chosen and vacancies
31 supplied for the current year, except as herein otherwise di-
32 rected. All the said subordinate officers and agents shall
33 hold their offices during the ensuing year and until others
34 shall be elcted and qualified in their stead, unless sooner re-
35 moved by the city council. All moneys received and col-
36 lected for and on account of the city, by any officer or agent
37 thereof, shall forthwith be paid into the city treasury. The
38 city council shall take care that moneys shall not be paid from

39 treasury unless granted or appropriated; shall secure a
40 prompt and just accountability, by requiring bonds with
41 sufficient penalty and sureties from all persons trusted with
42 the receipt, custody or disbursement of money; shall have
43 the care and superintendence of city buildings and the cus-
44 tody and management of all city property, with power to
45 let or sell what may be legally let or sold; and to purchase
46 and to take in the name of the city, such real or personal
47 property, not exceeding the sum of fifteen thousand dollars,
48 including the property now owned by the town, as they
49 may think useful to the public interest. And the city coun-
50 cil shall, as often as once a year, cause to be published for the
51 information of the inhabitants, a particular account of the
52 receipts and expenditures and a schedule of the city prop-
53 erty, and no money shall be paid from the treasury unless
54 the same be appropriated by the city council, and upon a
55 warrant signed by the mayor, which warrant shall state the
56 appropriation under which the same is drawn.'

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Augusta, March 12, 1909.

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E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk*