

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 285

House of Representatives, Feb. 19, 1915.

Ordered, That five hundred copies be printed and that the same be referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs.

Committee on Reference.

Presented by Mr. Millett of Belfast.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to amend chapter two hundred seventy-two of the Private and Special Laws of nineteen hundred and nine, entitled "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 four of the charter of the city of Belfast is hereby
2 amended by striking out after the word "except" first ap-
3 pearing in said section four, the words "road commissioner,
4 who shall be elected by ballot, as now done by towns, at the
5 annual election for a term of two years," and inserting in
6 place thereof the words "that the mayor and aldermen shall
7 be empowered to select and employ a competent man to su-

8 perintend the construction and repairing of all highways,
9 bridges and sidewalks, at a salary to be agreed upon by the
10 city council, said person so selected to be designated as the
11 supervisor of highways, so that said section as amended,
2 shall read as follows:

‘Sect. 4. The executive powers of said city generally, and
14 the administration of police, with all the powers of select-
15 men of the town of Belfast, shall be vested in the mayor
16 and aldermen as fully as if the same had been herein par-
17 ticularly enumerated; all other powers now vested in the
18 inhabitants of said town, and all powers granted by this
19 act, shall be vested in the mayor and aldermen and common
20 council of said city, to be exercised by concurrent vote, each
21 board to have a negative upon the other; but all elections
22 of officers by the city council shall be by joint ballot of the
23 two boards in convention. The city council shall, annually,
24 on the third Monday of March, or as soon thereafter as
25 conveniently may be, elect and appoint all the subordinate
26 officers and agents for the city for the ensuing year, except
27 that the mayor and aldermen shall be empowered to select
28 and employ a competent man to superintend the construc-
29 tion and repairing of all highways, bridges and sidewalks,
30 at a salary to be agreed upon by the city council, said per-
31 son so selected to be designated as the supervisor of high-
32 ways, including a chief engineer and other engineers of the
33 fire department, which chief engineer, or in his absence,
34 any two other engineers, shall have all the power and au-
35 thority that fire wards now have; shall define their duties

36 and fix their compensation, in cases where such duties and
37 compensation shall not be defined and fixed by laws of this
38 state; and may by concurrent vote remove officers, when
39 in their opinion sufficient cause for removal exists. All offi-
40 cers shall be chosen and vacancies supplied for the current
41 year, except as herein otherwise directed. All the said
42 subordinate officers and agents shall hold their offices dur-
43 ing the ensuing year and until others shall be elected and
44 qualified in their stead, unless sooner removed by the city
45 council. All moneys received and collected for and on ac-
46 count of the city, by any officer or agent thereof, shall
47 forthwith be paid into the city treasury. The city council
48 shall take care that moneys shall not be paid from the treas-
49 ury unless granted or appropriated; shall secure a prompt
50 and just accountability, by requiring bonds with sufficient
51 penalty and sureties from all persons trusted with the re-
52 ceipt, custody or disbursement of money; shall have the
53 care and superintendence of the city buildings and the cus-
54 tody and management of the city property, with power to
55 let or sell what may be legally sold; and to purchase and to
56 take in the name of the city, such real or personal property,
57 not exceeding the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, including
58 the property now owned by the town, as they may think
59 useful to the public interest. And the city council shall,
60 often as once a year, cause to be published for the infor-
61 mation of the inhabitants, a particular account of the re-
62 ceipts and expenditures and a schedule of the city prop-

63 erty, and no money shall be paid from the treasury unless
64 the same be appropriated by the city council, and upon a
65 warrant signed by the mayor, which warrant shall state the
66 appropriation under which the same is drawn.'