

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 713

House of Representatives, March 13, 1915.

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C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.

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
8 superintend 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
12 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 act,
19 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, any
34 two other engineers, shall have all the power and authority
35 that fire wards now have; shall define their duties and fix

36 their compensation, in cases where such duties and compen-
37 sation shall not be defined and fixed by laws of this state ;
38 and may by concurrent vote remove officers, when in their
39 opinion sufficient cause for removal exists. All officers shall
40 be chosen and vacancies supplied for the current year, ex-
41 cept as herein otherwise directed. All the said subordinate
42 officers and agents shall hold their offices during the ensu-
43 ing year and until others shall be elected and qualified in
44 their stead, unless sooner removed by the city council. All
45 moneys received and collected for and on account of the
46 city, by any officer or agent thereof, shall forthwith be paid
47 into the city treasury. The city council shall take care that
48 moneys shall not be paid from the treasury unless granted
49 or appropriated; shall secure a prompt and just accounta-
50 bility, by requiring bonds with sufficient penalty and sure-
51 ties from all persons trusted with the receipt, custody or
52 disbursement of money; shall have the care and superin-
53 tendence of the city buildings and the custody and manage-
54 ment of the city property, with power to let or sell what
55 may be legally sold; and to purchase and to take in the name
56 of the city, such real or personal property, not exceeding the
57 sum of fifteen thousand dollars, including the property now
58 owned by the town, as they may think useful to the public
59 interest. And the city council shall, often as once a year,
60 cause to be published for the information of the inhabitants,
61 a particular account of the receipts and expenditures and
62 a schedule of the city property, and no money shall be paid

63 from the treasury unless the same be appropriated by the
64 city council, and upon a warrant signed by the mayor, which
65 warrant shall state the appropriation under which the same
66 is drawn.'