

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 298

House of Representatives, Feb. 13, 1917.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary and five hundred copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Murphy of Calais.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to amend the charter of the city of Calais.

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

Section 10 of said charter is hereby amended by striking
2 out the words "first," "April" and "annually" in the first
3 line and inserting instead thereof the words 'third,' 'De-
4 cember' and 'biennially beginning December, 1917'; and by
5 striking out the words "one year" in the seventh line, and
6 inserting instead thereof the words 'two years'; and by
7 striking out the word "April" in the eighth line and insert-
8 ing instead thereof the words 'January next following their
9 election,' and by striking out the word "April" in the for-

10 tieth line and inserting instead thereof the words 'January
11 next following their election,' and by adding at the end of
12 said section the following: 'The municipal year shall begin
13 on January first'; so that said section as amended shall
14 read as follows:

'Sect. 10. On the third Monday in December biennially
2 beginning December, 1917, the qualified voters of each ward
3 shall vote on one ballot for the warden, clerk and con-
4 stable, as aforesaid, and also for mayor and one alderman,
5 all of which officers, except the mayor, shall be residents
6 of the ward or district where elected. All said officers shall
7 be elected by ballot by a majority of the votes given, and
8 shall hold their offices two years from the second Monday
10 in January next following their election, and until others
11 shall be elected and qualified in their places.

All city and ward officers shall be held to discharge the
2 duties of the offices to which they have been respectively
3 elected, notwithstanding their removal, after their election,
4 out of their respective wards into any other wards in the
5 city; but they shall not so hold after they have taken up
6 their permanent residence out of the city. The ward clerk,
7 within twenty-four hours after such election, shall deliver
8 to the ward officers elected, certificates of their election,
9 and shall forthwith deliver to the city clerk a certified copy
10 of the record of such election, a plain and intelligible ab-
11 stract of which shall be entered by the city clerk on the
12 city records.

If the choice of any such officers is not effected on that 2 day, the meeting shall be adjourned to another day, not 3 more than two days thereafter to complete such election; 4 and at this adjourned meeting a plurality of votes shall 5 elect. The board of aldermen shall, as soon as conveniently 6 may be, examine the copies of the records of the several 7 wards, certified as aforesaid, and shall cause the person who 8 shall have been elected mayor by a majority of the votes 9 given in all the wards to be notified in writing of his elec- 10 tion.

But if it shall appear that no person shall have been so 2 elected, or if the person elected shall refuse to accept the 3 office, the said board shall issue their warrants for another 4 election, and a plurality shall then elect instead of a ma- 5 jority, and in case of a vacancy in the office of mayor by 6 death, resignation or otherwise, it shall be filled for the 7 remainder of the term by a new election to be called as 8 herein provided, and held within twenty days after the va- 9 cancy occurs. The oath or affirmation prescribed by this 10 act shall be administered to the mayor by the city clerk or 11 any justice of the peace in said city. The aldermen-elect 12 shall meet on the second Monday in January next following 13 their election, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, when the oath 14 or affirmation required by the second section of this act 15 shall be administered to the members present, by the mayor 16 or any justice of the peace. The city council shall, by ordi- 17 nance determine the times of holding stated or regular meet-

ings of the board, and shall also in like manner, determine
the manner of calling special meetings and the persons by
whom the same shall be called; but until otherwise pro-
vided by ordinance, special meetings shall be called by the
mayor by causing a notification to be left at the usual resi-
dence or place of business of each member.

The municipal year shall begin on January first, beginning
with January first, 1917.'