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EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 291

House of Representatives, March 14, 1921.

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CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND
NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-ONE**

AN ACT to Amend Chapter Four Hundred and Thirty-six of the Private and Special Laws of Eighteen Hundred and Thirty-four, Entitled, "An Act to Incorporate the City of Bangor," and Acts Amendatory Thereof or Additional Thereto.

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

Section 1. Chapter four hundred and thirty-six of the
2 private and special laws, approved February twelfth,
3 eighteen hundred and thirty-four entitled, "An Act to Incor-
4 porate the city of Bangor," and acts amendatory thereof or
5 additional thereto, or affecting said act, are hereby amended
6 as follows:

Sect. 2. On the first date fixed by law for electing subordi-
2 nate officers after this act shall become operative, the city

3 council shall elect a board of public safety, as herein pro-
4 vided.

Sect. 3. A board to be known as the board of public safety,
2 to consist of three (3) members, is hereby established in and
3 for the city of Bangor, which shall have and exercise all
4 the powers and be charged with all the duties relative to the
5 entire management and control of the operation of the fire
6 department of the city of Bangor, including the appoint-
7 ment of the chief of the department, who shall serve in that
8 capacity, unless removed by the board for cause after a hear-
9 ing, until he has reached the age of sixty-five years, select
10 and appoint the so-called permanent men, call men and all
11 others connected with the department, define the duties of
12 each and fix the compensation for their services, purchase all
13 supplies and equipment required for the department; pay-
14 ment for salaries, compensation and purchases to be paid
15 from the appropriations made for that department.

At their first election the three members of the board shall
2 be elected, one for one year, one for two years and one for
3 three years, all from the date of their election, and there-
4 after on the date required for election of subordinate officers
5 for the city of Bangor, each year, one shall be elected for a
6 term of three years therefrom: on the first election no more
7 than two shall be chosen from the same political party.

All such members shall be legal voters in and residents
2 of said city and shall be sworn to the faithful performance
3 of their duties by the mayor, city clerk or any justice of
4 the peace or notary public in said city.

Each vacancy in said board shall be filled by the city council for the unexpired term and the new member so elected shall be of the same political party as that of the person whose death, resignation or removal has caused such vacancy.

No member of the board during his term of office shall be interested, directly or indirectly, in any contract entered into by or under authority of the board.

Sect. 4. On the date of the election of subordinate officers each year, or as soon as may be thereafter, the board of public safety shall organize and elect one of their number chairman, also elect a secretary, whose duty it shall be to keep a record of the proceedings of the board, notify members of meetings and perform such other duties as the board may direct; said secretary shall be sworn to the faithful performance of his duties by the mayor, city clerk or any justice of the peace or notary public in said city, and his compensation shall be fixed by the board and paid from the appropriations made by the city council for use of the board.

The board shall not incur expenses in excess of the appropriations made for the board by the city council. All payrolls and bills for work done or purchases made by authority of the board, shall be approved by the chairman, or in his absence, by some member designated by him.

No member shall hold any other office under the city during his term nor shall he receive any compensation for his services as such member, but may be reimbursed for any cash expenditures for expenses in connection with his du-

5 ties in such official capacity, only when approved by the
6 finance committee.

Sect. 5. The board shall, at the beginning of each finan-
2 cial year, submit to the city council for its guidance in mak-
3 ing appropriations, a statement of the requirements of the
4 board together with estimated cost of same for the ensu-
5 ing year and such other information as the city council may
6 require, and shall, at the close of the year, make a full de-
7 tailed report to the city council of receipts and expendi-
8 tures during the year.

Sect. 6. The term of office of the chief of the fire depart-
2 ment of the city of Bangor, who may be in office and all
3 others serving the city in that department, when this act
4 becomes operative, shall expire when notified by the board
5 of public safety that his successor has been appointed and
6 qualified.

Sect. 7. All provisions of the city charter of said city,
2 or amendments or additions thereto, and all provisions of
3 any other acts which are inconsistent with the provisions
4 of this act, are hereby repealed.

Sect. 8. This act shall not take effect unless at the next
2 election in said city following that of March fourteenth,
3 nineteen hundred and twenty-one, a desire for its adoption
4 shall have been made manifest by a majority of the legal
5 votes cast on the question, which question shall have been
6 submitted to the people at said election after such notice
7 as may be required by the municipal officers of said city.