

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE**

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House of Representatives, Feb. 4, 1925.

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CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Roberts of Bar Harbor.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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

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AN ACT Relating to Municipal Elections and the Government  
of the Town of Bar Harbor.

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

Section 1. Annual town meetings shall be held in the town  
2 of Bar Harbor, in the County of Hancock, on the first Mon-  
3 day of March, in each year, and the voters shall then choose,  
4 by ballot, as now provided by law, a moderator and clerk.

Sect. 2. At such meetings as provided in Section one,  
2 the voters shall then choose, by ballot, as provided by Chap-  
3 ter two hundred and fifteen, of the Private and Special  
4 laws for the year one thousand nine hundred and thirteen,  
5 as amended by Chapter two hundred and four, of the

6 Private and Special laws for the year one thousand nine  
7 hundred and fifteen, three, five or seven inhabitants of said  
8 town to be selectmen and overseers of the poor, a treasurer  
9 and collector of taxes, agent town school fund, auditor of  
10 accounts, and chief of fire department, who shall be sworn  
11 faithfully to discharge all the duties of their respective of-  
12 fices. All other necessary town officers shall be appointed  
13 as herein provided.

Sect. 3. The selectmen shall meet within twenty-four  
2 hours after their election and shall choose by written ballot  
3 one of their number to be chairman, and one of their num-  
4 ber to be clerk or secretary, an affidavit of such choice  
5 signed by all the selectmen shall be recorded by the town  
6 clerk in the records of said town, and thereafter records  
7 shall be kept of the doings of all future meetings of said  
8 selectmen. Said records shall be deemed public records and  
9 shall be open at all times to any citizen of said town.

Sect. 4. The chairman of said selectmen shall devote his  
2 entire time to his said office, and shall have supervision over  
3 all departments of said town, under the general direction of  
4 said selectmen, and shall receive for his services the sum  
5 of twenty-five hundred dollars per year in full for his serv-  
6 ices in whatever capacity rendered, and actual and necessary  
7 expenses incurred in the performance of his duties to be  
8 paid by the town treasurer in quarterly payments on the  
9 first days of June, September, December and March.

Sect. 5. Each selectman, except as provided in Section

2 four, shall receive for his services the sum of three hundred  
3 dollars per year in full for his services in whatever capacity  
4 rendered, together with his actual and necessary expenses  
5 incurred in the performance of his duties, to be paid month-  
6 ly by the town treasurer on the first day of every month  
7 during his term of office.

Sect. 6. Said selectmen shall serve instead of the super-  
2 intending school committee, overseers or overseer of the  
3 poor, board of assessors, board of road commissioners, road  
4 commissioner or road commissioners as provided for by  
5 general statute and shall have the same powers in relation  
6 to the schools of said town, the poor of said town, the  
7 assessment of taxes of said town, and the construction and  
8 repairs of roads, bridges and sidewalks of said town, as  
9 the superintending school committee, overseers or overseer  
10 of the poor, assessors and road commissioner or commis-  
11 sioners and municipal officers have under such general  
12 statutes, and be subject to the same duties in relation there-  
13 to. Said selectmen shall employ a superintendent of schools,  
14 not one of their own number, and such superintendent shall  
15 be under the control of said selectmen and subject to dis-  
16 charge by them. Said selectmen shall employ a superin-  
17 tendent or superintendents of roads, not one of their own  
18 number who shall be under the control of said selectmen and  
19 subject to discharge by them. Said selectmen shall per-  
20 form the duties of overseers of the poor and of the assessors  
21 of said town and shall have the same powers and be subject

22 to the same duties in relation thereto as is provided by gen-  
23 eral statute. All other necessary town officers, now, or  
24 hereafter, provided by general statute shall be appointed by  
25 said selectmen and shall be subject to discharge by them.

Sect. 7. Said selectmen shall fix the compensation of all  
2 the appointees of the selectmen and designate the times of  
3 payment.

Sect. 8. When not otherwise provided herein, or by law,  
2 the compensation and fees of officers of said town shall be  
3 fixed by vote of the town at its annual meetings.

Sect. 9. No money shall be paid out of the town treasury  
2 except by order issued and signed by a majority of the  
3 selectmen of said town and presented to the treasurer of  
4 said town at the time of payment.

Sect. 10. No officer or employee of the town of Bar  
2 Harbor, elected or appointed, shall be interested, directly or  
3 indirectly in any contract entered into by or on behalf of  
4 said town for work, material or equipment or the purchase  
5 thereof, to be furnished to, or performed for said town, and  
6 all contracts made in violation thereof are void and the  
7 town treasurer is expressly forbidden to pay any money out  
8 of the town treasury on account of such contract.

Sect. 11. The selectmen of said town shall require a bond  
2 with sufficient surety or sureties, satisfactory to said select-  
3 men, from all persons trusted with the collection, custody  
4 or disbursement of any of the moneys of said town; and  
5 may require such bond from such other officials as they may  
6 deem advisable.

Sect. 12. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith  
2 in so far as they relate to the town of Bar Harbor in the  
3 County of Hancock are hereby repealed.

Sect. 13. This act shall not become operative until it is  
2 ratified by said town of Bar Harbor, at any legal town meet-  
3 ing called by a warrant containing an article for that pur-  
4 pose.

Sect. 14. At any annual meeting ratifying this act, the  
2 provisions thus provided for shall take effect at said meeting.