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EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE

H. P. No. 764

H. D. No. 182

House of Representatives, Feb. 18, 1925.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Kinsman of Augusta.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Amend the Charter of the City of Hallowell to
Provide that the Municipal Year Begin on the Second Mon-
day of January Biennially.

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

Section 1. Section one of chapter one hundred and eighty-
2 four of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred and
3 seventeen is hereby amended by striking out the word "first"
4 in the twenty-third line thereof and inserting the word
5 'second' in place thereof; so that said section, as amended,
6 shall read as follows:

'Sect. 1. The municipal election for the choice of mayor,
2 aldermen, city constables, and such other officers as may

3 hereafter be elected at large, of the city of Hallowell, and
4 of wardens and ward clerks of the several wards in said
5 city, shall be held on the second Monday of December, an-
6 nually, beginning with the year nineteen hundred seventeen,
7 instead of on the first Monday of March. Said officers
8 chosen at any annual election and all subordinate officers or
9 agents for the city now elected or appointed for a term of
10 one year (not including the city marshal and street com-
11 missioner) shall hold their offices one year from the first
12 Monday of January next following said election, and until
13 others shall be elected or appointed and qualified in their
14 places, subject to removal as now provided by the charter
15 and ordinances of said city; except that those chosen at the
16 election held on the first Monday of March in the year
17 nineteen hundred seventeen and said subordinate officers
18 or agents shall hold their offices from the second Monday
19 of March in the year nineteen hundred seventeen until the
20 second Monday in March in the year nineteen hundred
21 eighteen, and until their successors are elected or appointed
22 and qualified in their places; provided, however, that if
23 section two of this act shall be accepted, as hereinafter
24 provided, by the electors of said city, then the municipal
25 election shall be held biennially, instead of annually, begin-
26 ning with the second Monday of December in the year
27 nineteen hundred seventeen, and the aforesaid officers chosen
28 at any biennial election and said subordinate officers or
29 agents shall hold their offices two years from the second

30 Monday of January next following said biennial election,
31 and until their successors are elected or appointed and
32 qualified in their places, subject to removal as aforesaid;
33 except that those chosen at the election held on the first
34 Monday of March in the year nineteen hundred seventeen
35 and said subordinate officers or agents shall hold their of-
36 fices from the second Monday of March in the year nine-
37 teen hundred seventeen until the second Monday of March
38 in the year nineteen hundred eighteen, and until their suc-
39 cessors are elected or appointed and qualified in their places.'

Sect. 2. Section two of said chapter one hundred and
2 eighty-four of the private and special laws of nineteen hun-
3 dred and seventeen is hereby amended by striking out the
4 word "first" in the twenty-fourth line thereof and inserting
5 the word 'second' in place thereof; so that said section, as
6 amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 2. The municipal election for the choice of mayor,
2 aldermen, city constables, and such other officers as may
3 hereafter be elected at large, of the city of Hallowell, and of
4 wardens and ward clerks of the several wards in said city,
5 shall be held once in two years instead of annually, and all
6 subordinate officers or agents for the city, now elected or
7 appointed for a term of one year (not including the city
8 marshal and street commissioner) shall be elected or ap-
9 pointed, in the manner now provided therefor, and all va-
10 cancies in such offices filled for a term of two years and

11 until others shall be elected or appointed and qualified in
12 their places; anything in the charter or ordinances of said
13 city of Hallowell to the contrary notwithstanding, but said
14 subordinate officers or agents shall be subject to removal as
15 now provided by said charter and ordinances. If section
16 one of this act shall be accepted by the electors of said
17 city, said officers chosen at the municipal election held on
18 the first Monday of March in the year nineteen hundred
19 seventeen and all said subordinate officers or agents shall
20 hold their offices from the Monday following said municipal
21 election until the second Monday of March in the year
22 nineteen hundred eighteen and until their successors are
23 elected or appointed and qualified in their places, and there-
24 after the municipal election shall be held on the second
25 Monday of December biennially, beginning with the second
26 Monday of December in the year nineteen hundred seven-
27 teen and said officers chosen at any biennial December
28 election and all said subordinate officers or agents shall
29 hold their offices, except as above provided, two years from
30 the second Monday of January following said municipal
31 election and until their successors are elected or appointed
32 and qualified in their places, subject to removal as afore-
33 said. If said election one shall not be accepted by the
34 electors of said city, then the municipal election shall be
35 held on the first Monday of March in the year nineteen
36 hundred seventeen and biennially thereafter on the first
37 Monday of March, and said officers chosen at any biennial

38 March election beginning with the March municipal elec-
39 tion in the year nineteen hundred seventeen, which in such
40 case is deemed the first biennial election, and all said sub-
41 ordinate officers or agents shall hold their offices two years
42 from the Monday following said first biennial election, and
43 until their successors are elected or appointed and qualified
44 in their places, subject to removal as aforesaid.'

Sect. 3. Section nine of said chapter one hundred and
2 eighty-four of the private and special laws of nineteen hun-
3 dred and seventeen is hereby amended by striking out the
4 word "first" in the seventh line thereof and inserting the
5 word 'second' in place thereof; so that said section, as
6 amended, shall read as follows:

'Sect. 9. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith,
2 and all provisions of the charter and ordinances of the said
3 city of Hallowell inconsistent with this act are hereby modi-
4 fied so as to conform to the provisions of this act; substitu-
5 ting therein for the words "first Monday in (or of) March"
6 the words 'second Monday of December,' and for the words
7 "second Monday in (or of) March" the words 'second
8 Monday of January,' and for the words "annual" or "an-
9 nually" the words 'biennial' or 'biennially,' and for the
10 words "one year" the words 'two years,' and striking out
11 the words "city marshal" and the words "street commis-
12 sioner," wherever such substitution or striking out is nec-
13 essary to effect the intent of this act. But this section shall
14 take effect as to the subject matter covered by sections one,

15 two and three, of this act when and only so far as said
16 first three sections or any part of them are finally accepted.
17 by the electors of said city of Hallowell, as provided in
18 section four of this act.'