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CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. St. Clair of Rockland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Creating a City Planning Board for the City of
Rockland.

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

Chapter one hundred and six of the private and special
2 laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-three, providing a
3 new charter for the city of Rockland, is hereby amended
4 by adding thereto the following new sections:

'Sect. 32. Creation of a City Planning Board. There
2 shall be a City Planning Board for the city of Rockland
3 to consist of three members appointed from the citizens at
4 large because of their special knowledge of city planning.

'Sect. 33. Appointment of City Planning Board. The
2 members of said board shall be appointed by the mayor of

3 the city of Rockland in manner as follows: after the pas-
4 sage of this act, or as soon thereafter as may be convenient
5 he shall appoint one member for three years, one member
6 for two years and one member for one year and annually
7 thereafter, one member for a term of three years.

‘Sect. 34. Duties of the Board. It shall be the duty of
2 the board to keep itself informed of the progress of city
3 planning in this and other cities, to make studies and recom-
4 mendations for the improvement of the plan of the city
5 with a view to the present and future movement of traffic,
6 the convenience, amenity, health, recreation, general wel-
7 fare, and other needs of the city dependent on the city
8 plan; to consider and report upon the designs and their re-
9 lations to the city plan, of all new public ways, lands, build-
10 ings, bridges, and all other public places and structures, of
11 additions to and alterations in those already existing, and
12 of the layout or plotting of new subdivisions of the city,
13 or of territory adjacent to or near the city.

‘Sect. 35. Power of the Board. All acts of the council
2 or of any other branch of the city government affecting the
3 city plan shall be submitted to the board for report and
4 recommendations. The council may at any time call upon
5 the board to report with recommendations, and the board
6 of its own volition may also report to the council with
7 recommendations on any matter which, in the opinion of
8 either body, affects the plan of the city.

‘Any matter referred by the council to the board shall be

2 acted upon by the board within thirty days of the date of
3 reference, unless a longer or shorter period is specified.
4 No action by the council involving any points hereinbefore
5 set forth shall be legal or binding until it has been referred
6 to the board and until the recommendations of the board
7 thereon have been accepted or rejected by the council.

‘Sect. 36. Annual Report. The board shall submit to the
2 council an annual report summarizing the activities of the
3 board for the fiscal year, the recommendations made by
4 it to the council during the year and the action of the coun-
5 cil during the year on any and all recommendations made
6 by the board in that or former years. The annual report
7 of the board shall also contain recommendations for im-
8 provements for the next two years ensuing.

‘Sect. 37. City Engineer to be Chief Engineer of Board.
2 The city engineer shall serve as chief engineer of the city
3 planning board, and it shall be his particular duty to make
4 recommendations designed to bring all the engineering
5 works of the city into harmony as parts of one compre-
6 hensive plan. The executive health officer of the city shall
7 advise the planning board from time to time of any municipi-
8 pal improvements within the scope of the board which, in
9 his opinion, would improve the healthfulness of the city.
10 The board shall have power to call upon any branch of the
11 city government at any time for information and advice
12 which in the opinion of the board will insure the efficiency
13 of its work.’