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CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Lait of Old Town.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Authorizing Cities to Adopt a Form of Local
Government.

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

Section 1. The following words as used in this chapter shall, unless the context otherwise requires, have the following meanings: "officer," "officers" and "administrative officers," when used without further qualification or description, any person or persons in charge of any department or division of the city. The said words when used in contrast with a board or members of a board or with division heads, shall mean any of the persons in sole charge of a department of the city.

"Ordinance," a vote or order of the city council entitled

2 “ordinance and designed for the permanent regulation of
3 any matter within the jurisdiction of the city council as laid
4 down in this chapter.

“Plan A,” a city government and legislative body com-
2 posed of the mayor and a city council, the councillors being
3 elected at large.

“Plan B,” a city government and legislative body com-
2 posed of a mayor and city council, the councillors being
3 elected partly at large and partly from districts or wards
4 of the city.

“Plan C,” a city government and legislative body com-
2 posed of a mayor and commissioners as hereinafter specified.

“Plan D,” a city government and legislative body com-
2 posed of a mayor and four councillors, and an administra-
3 tive officer, called the city manager.

“Regular municipal election,” the annual election of mu-
2 nicipal officers for which provision is made in this chapter.

Sect. 2. Any city, which shall adopt, in the manner here-
2 inafter prescribed, one of the plans of government provided
3 in this chapter shall thereafter be governed by the pro-
4 visions thereof; and the inhabitants of such city shall con-
5 tinue to be a municipal corporation under the name exist-
6 ing at the time of such adoption, and shall have, exercise
7 and enjoy all the rights, immunities, powers and privileges,
8 and be subject to all the duties, liabilities and obligations
9 provided for in this chapter, or otherwise pertaining to or
10 incumbent upon said city as a municipal corporation.

Sect. 3. None of the legislative powers of a city shall be
2 abridged or impaired by this chapter; but all such legis-
3 lative powers shall be possessed and exercised by such body
4 as shall be the legislative body of the city under this chapter.

Sect. 4. Ordinances, resolutions, orders or other regu-
2 lations of a city or of any authorized body or official there-
3 of, existing at the time when such city adopts a plan of
4 government set forth in this chapter, shall continue in full
5 force and effect until repealed, modified or superseded.

Sect. 5. Until superseded under this chapter, the organ-
2 ization of the executive and administrative departments, and
3 the powers and duties of the officers and employees of any
4 city adopting any of the plans provided for in this chapter,
5 and the fiscal year of such city shall remain as constituted
6 at the time of the adoption of such plan; but the city coun-
7 cil or other legislative body may at any time by ordinance,
8 consistent with general laws, reorganize, consistent with
9 general laws, reorganize, consolidate or abolish departments,
10 in whole or in part; transfer the duties, powers and appro-
11 priations of one department to another, in whole or in part;
12 establish new departments; and increase, reduce, establish
13 or abolish salaries of heads of departments or members of
14 boards.