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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk. Presented by Mr. Snow of Dover-Foxcroft.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to the Town Manager Form of Government for the Town of Dover-Foxcroft.

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

Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1937, c. 57, § 2, amended. Section 2 of chapter 57 of the private and special laws of 1937 is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 2. Election of officers. (a) At such meetings the voters shall choose by ballot as hereinafter provided 7 inhabitants of said town to be selectmen who shall be ex officio, assessors of taxes and overseers of the poor; a town clerk; a town treasurer; and a superintending school committee of 3. All other necessary town officers, including a town manager, shall be appointed by the selectmen, as herein provided.

(b) Board of selectmen. At the 1st annual town meeting held under the provisions of this act and at each annual meeting thereafter only the necessary number of members of the board shall be elected as may be required to maintain the full number of 7; those elected to fill interim vacancies to serve only for the unexpired term of their predecessors, others for a term of 3 years. As the members of the board of selectmen are now elected each for a 3 year term, those whose terms have not expired when this act shall take effect, shall continue to serve until their terms expire and only the vacancies or expired terms shall be filled at the first election hercunder.

(b) Board of selectmen. At the 1st annual town meeting held under the provisions of this act and at each annual meeting thereafter only the necessary number of members of the board shall be elected as may be required to maintain the full number of 7; at the annual town meeting for the year 1941, members of the board shall be elected as follows: 2 for the term of 1 year; 2 for the term of 2 years; and one for the term of 3 years; and at each annual meeting thereafter only the necessary number of members of the board shall be elected as may be required to maintain said full number of 7. Those elected to fill interim vacancies, to serve for the unexpired terms of their predecessors; others for a term of 3 years. As the members of the board of selectmen are now elected each for a 3-year term, those whose terms have not expired when this act shall take effect, shall continue to serve until their terms expire and only the vacancies or expired terms shall be filled at the first election hereunder.'

(c) **Superintending school committee.** At the 1st annual meeting held under the provisions of this act and at each annual meeting thereafter only the necessary number of members of the committee shall be elected as may be required to maintain the full number of 3, those elected to fill interim vacancies to serve only for the unexpired term of their predecessors, others for a term of 3 years. As the members of the superintending school committee are now elected each for a 3-year term, those whose terms have not expired when this act shall take effect, shall continue to serve until their terms expire and only the vacancies or expired terms shall be filled at the 1st election hereunder.

(d) **Tax collector.** The tax collector shall be appointed by the board of selectmen and at any regular meeting of the board the offices of tax collector and town manager may be combined.

(e) Town treasurer, clerk, and auditor. The town treasurer, clerk, and auditor shall each be elected for a term of I year.

(f) **Other town officers.** Other town officers and committees not hereinbefore provided for, including trustees of Mayo Memorial Hospital, shall be appointed by the board of selectmen.'

Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1937, c. 57, §4, amended. Section 4 of chapter 57 of the private and special laws of 1937 is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 4. Selectmen; powers; school board; powers. Said selectmen, elected as herein provided, shall serve instead of the overseers of the poor, road commissioner or road commissioners as provided for by general statute and shall have the same powers in relation to the poor of said town and repairs of bridges, roads and sidewalks of said town, that the overseers or overseer of the poor, road commissioner or commissioners, and municipal officers have under general statute, and be subject to the same duties in relation thereto. The school board, elected as herein provided, shall have the same powers in relation to the schools of said town as now provided by statute and shall be subject to the same duties in relation thereto. The selectmen shall meet regularly once each week month their term of office at such time as they designate at their organization meeting. provided for in section 3, and a majority of said selectmen shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Special meetings of said selectment may be called by the chairman of said selectmen or by a majority of all the members of said selectmen. Notice of said special meeting shall be served upon or left at the usual dwelling place of each selectman and the town manager.'