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ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
THIRTY-NINE

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**AN ACT to Provide for Civil Service Rules for the Police and Fire  
Departments in the City of Bath.**

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

**Sec. 1. Civil service rules for police and fire departments.** The city council of the city of Bath shall provide by ordinance for a system of civil service rules for the appointment, promotion, demotion, lay-off, reinstatement, suspension and removal of the members of the police department and of the fire department and for a civil service commission to administer the same.

**Sec. 2. Retirement and pensions.** The city of Bath is hereby authorized to provide by ordinance for the retirement and pensioning of all members of its police and fire departments who have served in said police or fire department for a term of at least 20 years, and who may have been honorably discharged from either of said departments by reason of having attained the age of 65 or by reason of permanent injuries or permanent physical incapacity, which is the result of an accident in service in said police or fire department.

**Sec. 3. Inconsistent acts repealed.** Such parts of section 4 of the charter of the city of Bath, section 4 of chapter 79, of the private and special laws

of 1895 and all other acts, or parts of acts, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

**Sec. 4. Referendum.** This act shall take effect 90 days after the adjournment of this legislature only for the purpose of permitting its acceptance or rejection by the legal voters of the city of Bath at the next general election therein, or at a special state election or at any prior special city election held on or before April 2, 1940, notified and called by the mayor and aldermen, in the manner prescribed by the charter of the said city of Bath.

The question proposed on said ballot shall be substantially in the following form:

“Shall an act passed by the legislature in the year nineteen hundred and thirty-nine approved (insert date) entitled, ‘An Act to Provide Civil Service Rules for the Police and Fire Departments in the City of Bath,’ be accepted,” otherwise said ballot shall be in form provided by law when a constitutional amendment is submitted to the vote of the people.

If a majority of the qualified voters of the city, present and voting, vote in favor of the acceptance of this act, it shall become operative. The city clerk shall forthwith file with the secretary of state a certificate of the action of the city thereon.