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No. 282

H. P. 646

House of Representatives, January 29, 1941.

Referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. McGillicuddy of Houlton.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-ONE

**AN ACT Relating to the Town Manager Form of Government for the
Town of Houlton,**

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

Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1939, c. 3, § 7, amended. Section 7 of chapter 3 of the private and special laws of 1939 is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

‘Sec. 7. Compensation. Each councillor shall receive as full compensation for his services the sum of \$5 for every regular and special meeting of the councillors that he attends, provided that no councillor shall be paid an amount in excess of \$150 for such attendance during any 1 year. Councillors shall be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties.’

‘Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1939, c. 3, § 8, amended. Section 8 of chapter 3 of the private and special laws of 1939 is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

‘Sec. 8. Town manager. Said councillors shall by ballot by a majority vote, appoint a tax collector and a health officer. They shall also, in the same manner, appoint a town manager who shall not be a member of the

board of councillors. Said councillors may, by a majority vote, at the time of his appointment or at any regular or special meeting thereafter, invest the town manager with authority and responsibility concurrent and coequal in extent and degree with their own to perform any or all the duties required of overseers of the poor by the provisions of chapter 33 of the revised statutes of 1930 and acts additional thereto and amendatory thereof. Said councillors may also, by majority vote, at the time of his appointment or at any subsequent regular or special meeting thereafter, invest the town manager with authority and responsibility concurrent and coequal in extent and degree with their own to perform all the duties required of municipal officers in carrying out the provisions of sections 406, 407, 408, 413, 428 and 433, of chapter 1 of the public laws of 1933 and acts additional thereto and amendatory thereof, relating to proceedings in cases of persons alleged to be insane. Said town manager shall on and after his appointment be superintendent of roads in said town.'

Sec. 3. 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 town of Houlton at an annual or special town meeting legally called and held on or before the 3d Monday in March, 1942; appropriate articles having been inserted in the call for such meeting. If a majority of the qualified voters of the town, present and voting, vote in favor of the acceptance of this act, or of any of the three amendments contained therein, then this act, or such part or parts thereof as have been approved by majority vote, as aforesaid, shall become operative. The town clerk shall forthwith file with the secretary of state a certificate of the action of the town thereon.