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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Deering of Bath.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-TWO

**AN ACT Relating to the Term of Office of Certain Subordinate Officers of  
the City of Bath.**

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas, the absorption of competent persons by the industrial plants engaged in the National Defense Program seriously threatens to deplete the personnel of the subordinate officers of the city of Bath and

Whereas such threatened depletion has created a hazard to the peace, health, and safety of the public, and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature these facts create an emergency within the meaning of section 16 of Article XXXI of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, now, therefore,

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

**Sec. 1. Purpose.** The general purpose of this act is to establish for the city of Bath a system of personnel administration for certain subordinate

officers based on merit and efficiency and the retention in office of such subordinate officers who render faithful and efficient service.

**Sec. 2. Appointive officers.** The following subordinate officers of the city of Bath shall be appointed by ballot by a majority vote of the members of the city council: city clerk, city treasurer and collector, city marshal, city messenger, and chief of the fire department, the superintendent of highways and sewers, the superintendent of burials and burying grounds, and the superintendent of the board of overseers of the poor.

**Sec. 3. Removal.** All such officers following their appointment under the provisions of this act shall be removable by the city council upon written charges, notices and hearing, if upon such hearing they are adjudged guilty of the charges preferred.

**Sec. 4. Salaries.** The salary or compensation of such officers shall be determined annually by the city council.

**Sec. 5. Saving clause.** The persons holding any of said respective offices by election or appointment at the time of the taking effect of this act, shall be considered as having been appointed under this act and shall hold office as provided herein.

**Sec. 6. Repealing clause.** All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed in so far as such inconsistency exists.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency created as recited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.