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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-NINE

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**AN ACT Amending the Charter of the City of Lewiston.**

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

**Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1939, c. 8, Art. IV, § 2, amended.** Section 2 of Article IV of chapter 8 of the private and special laws of 1939, as repealed and replaced by section 2 of chapter 86 of the private and special laws of 1943, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 2. Term and salary.** ~~The Beginning with the election to be held in 1951,~~ the term of office of the mayor shall be ~~+ year~~ **2 years** or until his successor shall have been elected and qualified. No person shall be eligible to the office of mayor for ~~more than~~ **2** terms in succession. The salary of the mayor shall be \$1,500 ~~for the term~~ **per year**, which shall be in full for the performance of his official duties. **Each year, on the 3rd Monday of March, the mayor shall make the appointments which he is required annually to make.'**

**Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1939, c. 8, Art. V, § 9, amended.** Section 9 of Article V of chapter 8 of the private and special laws of 1939, as amended by chapter 16 of the private and special laws of 1945, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 9. Compensation.** The members of the board of aldermen shall

receive as full compensation for the performance of their official duties as aldermen the sum of \$10 for each meeting of the city council which they shall attend provided that no alderman shall be paid an amount in excess of \$300 for such attendance ~~at~~ during any ~~1 term~~ fiscal year. Members of the board of aldermen when they shall convene for the purpose of constituting a board of examiners in insanity cases shall receive as full compensation for such duties the sum of \$3 for each meeting attended.'

Sec. 3. P. & S. L., 1939, c. 8, Art. VIII, § 12, amended. Section 12 of Article VIII of chapter 8 of the private and special laws of 1939 is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

'The board of finance shall appoint a full-time civil engineer, who shall be subject to the authority of said board. The board of finance shall prescribe his duties and assign him to any department of the city for such time or times and under such rules and regulations as they may order, fix his compensation and terminate his employment at pleasure.'

Sec. 4. P. & S. L., 1939, c. 8, Art. XVI, § 21, additional. Article XVI of chapter 8 of the private and special laws of 1939 is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered section 21, to read as follows:

'Sec. 21. Planning board. A planning board for municipal projects is hereby created. Said planning board shall consist of 12 members as follows: the mayor, the 5 members of the board of finance, all ex officio, a member of the city council, and 1 representative of each of the following boards: board of education, board of public works, board of health and welfare, police commission and fire commission, the representative to be selected by these boards respectively to serve during the pleasure of the respective boards. The mayor shall act as chairman ex officio.

It shall be the duty of the planning board from time to time to consider the needs of the city for the improvement, replacement or alteration of existing facilities and the acquisition or construction of additional facilities and the order in which projects ought to be undertaken over a period of years, giving all departments an opportunity to present the importance and urgency of projects in their respective jurisdictions.

The planning board shall hold public hearings on all projects involving an estimated expenditure in excess of \$25,000. It shall report its recommendations to the board of finance on specific projects after such hearings.

It may, from time to time, report to the board of finance its recommendations with respect to plans for municipal projects over a term of years and

the order in which they ought to be undertaken, and shall not be bound by recommendations previously made. Its recommendations in all cases shall be advisory only.

Notice of the time and place of the public hearings, and of their meetings, shall be kept conspicuously posted in the office of the city clerk. The said board shall have the power to enact rules governing the administration of its affairs not inconsistent with the provisions of law. No compensation shall be paid to the members of the planning board for attendance at the meetings thereof.'