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H. P. 534

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Totman of Bangor

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-THREE

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**AN ACT Amending the Charter of the City of Bangor Relative to Changes  
in Organization, Powers and Duties.**

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

**Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1931, c. 54, Art. II, § 1, amended.** Section 1 of article II of chapter 54 of the private and special laws of 1931, as amended, is hereby further amended by repealing the 3rd paragraph thereof.

**Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1931, c. 54, Art. V, § 1, amended.** Section 1 of article V of chapter 54 of the private and special laws of 1931 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 1. Titles and appointment.** There shall be the following administrative officers and boards:

(a) The following officers and boards shall be appointed by ballot by a majority vote of the members of the city council: city manager, city clerk, city solicitor, city auditor, treasurer and tax collector, members of the superintending school committee, members of the board of assessors, members of the water board, civil service commissioners, two members of the board of registration as provided under section eight of chapter six of the revised statutes, ~~board of mothers' aid~~, trustees of Sophia Kirstein Student Loan Fund and trustees of the Hersey Fund.

(b) The following officers shall be appointed by the city manager, subject to confirmation by the city council: ~~city engineer~~ **director of public works**, city electrician, chief of police, chief of the fire department, superintendent of the ~~almshouse~~ **city hospital and home**, health officer, city physician, inspector of buildings, ~~harbor master, secretary to overseers of the poor~~ **public welfare director**, and all other department heads or officers whose position may from time to time be created by ordinance; and, except as herein otherwise provided, upon recommendation of the heads of their departments, all minor officers and employees.'

**Sec. 3. P. & S. L., 1931, c. 54, Art. V, § 2, amended.** Section 2 of article V of chapter 54 of the private and special laws of 1931 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 2. Power of council with regard to appointive officers and boards.** The council shall have power by ordinance or resolve:

- (a) To create any new appointive ~~officer~~ **officer or department.**
- (b) To authorize the appointment of assistants or deputies in any office.
- (c) To ~~assign duties of two or more offices to one office~~ **eliminate any office other than those specifically mentioned in subsection (a) of section 1 of this article.**
- (d) To ~~divide duties of any office between two or more offices~~ **combine, divide, assign or reassign the duties of the various officers and departments.'**

**Sec. 4. P. & S. L., 1931, c. 54, Art. V, § 6, sub-§ (g), additional.** Section 6 of article V of chapter 54 of the private and special laws of 1931 is hereby amended by adding thereto a new subsection to be lettered (g), to read as follows:

**'(g) To prepare and submit to the council as of the end of the fiscal year a complete report on the finances and administrative activities of the city for the preceding year and to cause the report to be printed for distribution to interested persons.'**

**Sec. 5. P. & S. L., 1931, c. 54, Art. V, § 9, amended.** The 2nd sentence of the 3rd paragraph of section 9 of article V of chapter 54 of the private and special laws of 1931 is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

**'They shall elect a superintendent of schools for a term not to exceed five years who shall have the care and supervision of said public schools under**

**their direction, and act as secretary of their board; and they shall fix his salary.'**

**Sec. 6. P. & S. L., 1931, c. 54, Art. V, § 12, repealed and replaced.** Section 12 of article V of chapter 54 of the private and special laws of 1931 is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof :

**'Sec. 12. Director of public welfare. The director of public welfare shall exercise all the powers and perform all the duties conferred or imposed by law upon oversers of the poor.'**

**Sec. 7. P. & S. L., 1931, c. 54, Art. V, § 16, repealed.** Section 16 of article V of chapter 54 of the private and special laws of 1931 is hereby repealed.