

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

FIFTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1879.

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

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## CHAP. 124.

## Chapter 124.

An Act to make valid the doings of Merrill Plantation, Aroostook County.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :*

Acts of Merrill plantation at annual meetings of 1877 and 1878 legalized.

The acts and doings of Merrill Plantation, in Aroostook County at its annual meetings held in March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven and seventy-eight, and all assessments made by the assessors of said plantation during said years are hereby declared legal and valid.

Approved February 6, 1879.

## Chapter 125.

An Act revoking the City Charter of Hallowell, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :*

Ch. 413 private laws 1850 repealed.

SECT. 1. Chapter four hundred and thirteen of the private and special laws of eighteen hundred and fifty, and all amendments thereto are hereby repealed, and the inhabitants of the city of Hallowell shall continue to be a body politic and corporate, by the name of the town of Hallowell, and as such shall have all the rights, immunities, powers, privileges and franchises ; and be subject to all the duties and obligations belonging and appertaining to other towns in this state.

City of Hallowell changed to town of Hallowell. Rights, &c. Duties, &c.

Actions pending wherein the city is a party.

SECT. 2. All actions commenced by or against the city of Hallowell, and now pending, shall be prosecuted or defended by the town of Hallowell.

Municipal court to continue till qualification of a trial justice for the town. Justice to receive and keep records of municipal court. Jurisdiction.

SECT. 3. The municipal court of Hallowell, shall, notwithstanding this act, continue and remain in existence and operation until a trial justice shall be appointed and qualified for the town of Hallowell, who shall, when duly qualified, receive and keep the records and papers of said court, have jurisdiction and consance over all actions, suits and matters pending therein, and all writs, executions, warrants, recognizances and processes returnable to said court, shall hereby become returnable to said trial justice, and the functions of said municipal court shall thereupon cease.

Town of Hallowell to be responsible for city debts and succeed to its rights, &c.

SECT. 4. The town of Hallowell shall be subject to all the liabilities, indebtedness and dues now existing against the city of Hallowell and succeed to all the moneys, rights, credits, revenues, benefits, property and estates, in favor of or owned by the said city.

Laws and regulations to continue till expiration, or

SECT. 5. All laws, regulations and engagements of the city of Hallowell now existing for the protection of person or property, or for the support or promotion of public institutions, shall not-

withstanding this act continue in force until they expire by their own limitation or are reversed, repealed or cancelled by duly constituted authority.

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reversal by proper authority.

SECT. 6. The several collectors of taxes for the city of Hallowell are hereby authorized and empowered to collect and pay all taxes to them already committed agreeably to their several warrants; and also all taxes which may have been legally assessed and which may hereafter be committed to said collectors.

Tax collectors to execute their trusts.

SECT. 7. This act shall take effect the first Monday in March after it has been accepted by a majority vote of the inhabitants of said city of Hallowell, qualified to vote in municipal affairs; and for the purpose of submitting it to such a vote the mayor and aldermen of the city of Hallowell within five days from the approval of this act by the governor shall by their warrant warn and notify the said inhabitants of Hallowell to meet in seven days thereafter in their respective ward rooms for the purpose of voting for the acceptance or rejection of this act. The vote shall be by ballot, those in favor of the acceptance of the act shall cast a ballot with the word, Yes, printed or written thereon, and those opposed, one with the word, No, thereon. Due returns of the said balloting shall be made on the same day to the said mayor and aldermen, who shall on the next day thereafter, declare the said vote; and if a majority of all the ballots received are in favor of accepting the said act, it shall then become a law, and take effect at the time above specified; and the said mayor and aldermen shall thereupon seasonably warn and notify, by their warrant, the said inhabitants of Hallowell, to meet in town meeting on the said first Monday in March, at the city hall in Hallowell, or other suitable place in said Hallowell, then and there to elect the municipal and other officers for the town of Hallowell to the number, for the purpose, and in the manner prescribed by law; to make all necessary appropriations, and do such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

When this act to take effect.

To be submitted to vote.

Notice of meeting.

Vote.

Returns.

Town meeting.

Election of municipal officers.

Appropriations.

SECT. 8. It shall be the duty of the clerk of said city of Hallowell to file a copy of the record of the vote of said city, accepting this act, with the clerk of the town of Hallowell, when elected, who shall transcribe such copy into the records of the town, and such record shall be conclusive evidence that this act has been accepted.

Clerk to file record.

Record to be transcribed.

SECT. 9. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved February 7, 1879.