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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

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OF THE

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Chapter 625.

An Act to establish a Board of Police of the City of Biddeford.

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

SECT. 1. The governor with the advice and consent of the council shall appoint two citizens of the city of Biddeford in this state, who shall have been residents of this state and said city of Biddeford for at least two years immediately preceding the date of their appointment, who with the mayor of said city shall constitute a board of police of said city and who shall be sworn before entering upon the duties of their office. One member of said board shall be designated by the governor as chairman, and two shall constitute a quorum. The term of office of the members appointed by the governor shall be four and five years respectively as may be designated at the time of their appointment. The full term of office of the members appointed by the governor after these dates shall be five years from the date of their appointment. All vacancies occurring after the passage of this act shall be filled by the governor with the advice and consent of the council. The board of police shall annually appoint one of their number to act as clerk, who shall be sworn and shall keep a record of all proceedings, issue all notices and attest all such papers and orders as the board shall direct.

Appointment of board of police, for city of Biddeford.

—chairman.

—tenure.

—vacancies, how filled.

—clerk.

SECT. 2. Said board of police of the city of Biddeford shall have authority to appoint, establish and organize the police force of said city, including the marshal and deputy marshal, and to remove the same for cause and make all needful rules and regulations for its government, control and efficiency. All the powers now vested in the mayor, board of aldermen and common council or by the city charter, ordinances, by-laws and regulations of the said city for the government of its said police, except as may herein be otherwise provided, are hereby conferred upon and vested in said board of police.

Powers.

SECT. 3. The members of the police force of said city of Biddeford in office when said board of police are first appointed, shall continue to hold their several offices unless removed by said board of police. The present rules and regulations of the mayor and board of aldermen for the government of the police, shall continue in force until otherwise

Present force, to continue to hold office, unless removed.

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—powers of
police.

ordered by said board of police. All police officers appointed by said board of police, hereby created shall have and exercise within the limits of said city all the common law and statutory powers of constables, except service of civil process, and all the powers given to police officers by the statutes of the state and the city charter, ordinances, by-laws and regulations of said city.

Salaries.

—city, shall furnish accommodations, and pay all expenses.

SECT. 4. The salaries of the members of said board appointed by the governor, shall be voted annually by the municipal officers of said city and paid quarterly from the treasury thereof, but the salary of any member of said board shall not be diminished during the term of his appointment. Said board of police shall be provided with such rooms as shall be convenient and suitable for the performance of its duties, by said city and at its expense. The said city shall provide all such suitable accommodations for the police of said city as said board shall require. All rooms in all buildings, and all property used by said police, shall be under the control of said board of police. All expenses for the maintenance of said rooms, the pay of the police and all incidental expenses incurred in the administration of said police, shall be paid by said city upon the requisition of said board. The compensation of the police in said city shall not be diminished below the amount paid said police for and during the year eighteen hundred ninety-two, without the consent of said board of police.

Shall not appoint larger number of police, than is now authorized.

SECT. 5. Said board of police shall not appoint any larger number of police officers than the present mayor or board of mayor and aldermen, by the statutes of the state, city charter, ordinances, by-laws and rules of said city are now authorized to appoint, except as may be from time to time authorized by said city. Said board shall have the same authority now vested in the appointing power, of appointing from time to time, special officers for special services.

Shall report to governor and city council, annually.

SECT. 6. Said board of police shall make a report of its doings annually to the governor of said state, and to the city council of said city in the month of December. The records of the said board of police shall at all times be open to the inspection of the governor of the state, or to such persons as may be designated by him.

SECT. 7. All acts and parts of acts, public and private, inconsistent with this act, are hereby repealed.

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Inconsistent
acts, repealed.

SECT. 8. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 28, 1893

Chapter 626.

An Act authorizing the Lewiston, Augusta and Camden Railroad Company of operate its lines of railroad by Electricity.

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

SECT. 1. The Lewiston, Augusta and Camden Railroad Company created by chapter two hundred and seventy-eight of the private and special laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-one, is hereby authorized and empowered to operate its lines of railroad by electrical power, and may construct such lines over and upon any of the highways in any of the towns mentioned in section one of that act, provided, said corporation first obtains a permit so to do from the municipal officers of such towns as provided by the general laws of this state pertaining to street railroads.

Company,
authorized to use
electrical
power, and con-
struct lines on
highways by
consent of muni-
cipal officers.

SECT. 2. If said railroad is constructed over and upon any highways as provided in section one, the motive power used shall be electricity only, and said railroad shall be subject to all the liabilities and have all the rights and privileges provided by the general laws of this state governing street railroad corporations.

Power used,
shall be elec-
tricity only.

SECT. 3. Section five of said chapter two hundred and seventy-eight is hereby amended by striking out the words, "January first, eighteen hundred and ninety-four," in the sixth line thereof, and inserting in place thereof, the words 'July first, eighteen hundred and ninety-five,' so that said section as amended, shall read as follows:

Sec. 5, amended.

SECT. 5. Before proceeding to construct any part of this railroad in any county, the corporation shall file with the county commissioners thereof, plans showing its locations, courses and distances therein, and unless operations for building this railroad shall have been actually commenced prior to July first, eighteen hundred and ninety five, this chapter shall be null and void.'

Shall file plans
of location with
county
commissioners.

Approved March 29, 1893.