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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

SIXTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1899.

CHAP. 93

Chapter 93.

An Act to amend Section nineteen of Chapter two hundred and forty-two of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five, relating to the charter of the city of South Portland.

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

Section 19,
chapter 242,
laws of 1895,
amended.

Amend section nineteen of chapter two hundred and forty-two of the private and special laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five by substituting the word 'intrusted' for the word "instructed" in the sixth line of said section, so that said section as amended, shall read as follows:

Aldermen
shall not
receive any
compensa-
tion.

'Section 19. The aldermen shall not be entitled to receive any salary or other compensation during the year for which they are elected, nor be eligible to any office of profit or emolument, the salary of which is payable by the city, during said term; and all departments, boards, officers and committees, acting under the authority of the city and intrusted with the expenditure of public money, shall expend the same for no other purpose than that for which it is appropriated, and shall be accountable therefor to the city in such manner as the city may direct.'

Approved March 7, 1899.

Chapter 94.

An Act to incorporate the Andover Village Corporation.

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

Territory.

Section 1. The territory embraced within the limits of what was known as school district number one, as last constituted in the town of Andover, together with the inhabitants thereon, be, and the same is hereby created a body politic and corporate by the name of the Andover Village Corporation.

—corporate
name.

Purposes,
powers
and duties.

Section 2. Said corporation is hereby authorized at any legal meeting called for the purpose, to raise by assessment or by loan, as hereinafter provided, such sums of money as may be deemed necessary and sufficient for organizing and maintaining within the limits of said corporation, an efficient fire department; for building, renting, purchasing, repairing and maintaining engine houses, hook and ladder carriage houses and lockups or police stations; for purchasing, repairing and maintaining fire engines, hose, ladders, buckets, machines and other apparatus for the extinguishment and prevention of fire; for the location, con-

struction, and repair of reservoirs and aqueducts; for the procuring of water and pumps, pipes, hydrants and machinery for handling and distributing the same; for building, repairing and maintaining sidewalks; for building, repairing and maintaining sewers; for setting out, maintaining and caring for shade trees; for maintaining and improving the common lands, for the purchasing and renting of real estate for any of the above purposes; to pay for the services of one or more police officers, night watchmen or any other officers to whom the said corporation may vote a salary or other compensation; to erect and maintain lamp posts and lamps, and provide for lighting the streets within the limits of said corporation; for school purposes, and may receive, hold and manage devises, bequests or gifts for any of the above purposes.

Section 3. Any money raised by said corporation for the purposes aforesaid, shall be assessed upon the property and polls within the territory, by the assessors of said corporation, in the same manner as is provided by law for the assessment of county and town taxes, and said assessors may copy the last valuation of said property by the assessors of the town of Andover, and assess the taxes thereon, if said corporation shall so direct, and may abate any tax by them so assessed, the tax on polls not to exceed the sum of one dollar to any one person in one year.

Money raised, how assessed.

Section 4. Upon a certificate being filed with the assessors of said corporation by the clerk thereof of the amount of money raised at any meeting for the purposes aforesaid, it shall be the duty of said assessors, as soon as may be, to assess said amount upon the polls and estates of the persons residing on the territory aforesaid and upon the estates of non-resident proprietors thereof, and lists of the assessment so made, to certify and deliver to the collector, whose duty it shall be to collect the same in like manner as county and town taxes are by law collected by towns, and to pay over the same to the treasurer of said corporation, who shall receive the same and pay it out to order or direction of the said corporation, and keep a regular account of all moneys received and paid out, and exhibit the same to the assessors whenever requested; and said corporation shall have the same power to direct the mode of collecting said taxes as towns have in the collection of town taxes.

Taxes, how collected.

Section 5. The officers of said corporation shall consist of a clerk, treasurer, assessors, collector and such other officers as may be provided for in the by-laws of said corporation.

Officers.

Section 6. Said corporation at any legal meeting thereof, may adopt a code of by-laws for the government of the same, and for the efficient management of the fire department afore-

By-laws.

CHAP. 94 said, provided, the said by-laws are not repugnant to the laws of the state.

Officers, how chosen.

Section 7. All the officers of said corporation shall be chosen by ballot and sworn to the faithful performance of their duties; the first election to be at the meeting of the legal voters of said corporation, at which this charter is accepted, and the annual election of officers shall be in the month of March.

Collector shall give bonds.

Section 8. The collector and treasurer shall give bonds in double the amount of the tax so raised, to the inhabitants of said corporation, which bonds shall be approved by the assessors and clerk.

First meeting, how called.

Section 9. O. B. Poor, R. L. Melcher, F. P. Thomas, F. M. Thomas, Stephen Cabot and John F. Talbot, or either of them are hereby authorized to call the first meeting of the said corporation, and to notify the legal voters thereof to meet at some suitable time and place within the limits aforesaid, by posting up notices in two public places within said limits, seven days at least before the time of said meeting; and either of said persons are authorized to preside at said meeting until after its organization, and until after a moderator shall have been chosen by ballot and sworn, and at all meetings of said corporation a moderator shall be chosen in the manner and with the same powers as in town meetings.

Who are legal voters.

Section 10. All persons liable to be taxed for polls residing in the limits of said corporation, shall be legal voters at any meeting of said corporation.

When act takes effect.

Section 11. This act shall take effect when approved by the governor, so far as to empower the first meeting of said corporation to be called.

Vote on acceptance of charter.

Section 12. In the meeting prescribed in section nine of this act for the first meeting of said corporation, the legal voters shall vote by ballot on the question of accepting this charter; and if the majority shall vote in favor of its acceptance then it shall take effect in all its parts, and the corporation shall proceed to organize and choose its officers as provided in section seven of this act. There shall be but one meeting called each year for the purpose of the acceptance of this charter.

Approved March 7, 1899.