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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

OF THE

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Chapter 194.

An Act to remove a doubt in the act incorporating the Gardiner Water District.

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

Section 1. An Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the Gardiner Water District" approved February twenty-six, shall take effect if approved by a majority vote of the legal voters voting at the election held under the provisions of said act.

Act shall take effect if approved by legal voters.

Section 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 18, 1903.

Chapter 195.

An Act to amend the charter of the City of Gardiner.

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

Section 1. Section four of the act entitled "An Act to incorporate the city of Gardiner" is hereby amended by inserting in the twenty-sixth line thereof after the word "treasury" the following: 'And all bills and claims against the city of any and every nature shall be paid by the city treasurer upon presentation of the same, itemized, and approved in writing by the city official by whose authority the expenditures represented by them shall have been incurred; and he shall retain all such bills properly receipted, as his vouchers for moneys by him paid out.'

Section 4 of "An Act to incorporate the city of Gardiner," amended.

—itemized and approved bills only, are to be paid by treasurer.

Section 2. Section three of said act as amended by chapter four hundred fifty-five of the laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-five is hereby amended by striking out the last ten lines thereof and substituting therefor the following: "The aldermen and common councilmen shall receive no compensation for their services as such. Except as above provided, neither the mayor nor any member of the city council shall, during the term for which he may be elected, be chosen to any salaried office."

Section 3 of said act as amended by chapter 455, laws of 1885, amended.

—aldermen and councilmen shall serve without pay.

Section 3. The mayor with the advice and consent of the board of aldermen, shall annually, on the third Monday in March, appoint a city marshal, who shall be the chief of police and who shall have all the powers and exercise all the duties that now appertain to the constables of towns.

City marshal

The city marshal shall, with the advice and consent of the municipal officers, appoint all police officers. The number of regular and special police officers shall be determined from time

—police officers.

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to time by the municipal officers, and their duties shall be regulated by the city marshal.

—tenure of police officers.

All regular police officers shall hold office during good behavior and until removed by the city marshal, with the consent of the municipal officers. All special police officers shall be appointed each year, and may be removed in the same manner as the regular officers.

—powers and duties of police officers.

All police officers shall have all the powers and exercise all the duties in criminal matters that now appertain to the constables of towns.

Section nineteen of "An Act to incorporate the city of Gardiner" is hereby repealed.

Highway and sewer commissioners.

Section 4. The care, construction, repair and maintenance of the streets, roads, ways, sidewalks and bridges, and the care, construction, repair and maintenance of the sewers in said city is hereby invested in a board of commissioners to be known as highway and sewer commissioners. At the annual municipal election next after this section shall have been accepted as provided in section five, the people shall elect three commissioners, whose terms of office shall expire respectively, in one, two and three years from the time of such election, and annually thereafter, at the municipal election they shall elect one such commissioner for a term of three years. In case of a vacancy the mayor, with the advice and consent of the aldermen, shall appoint a suitable person to serve until the municipal election next following, when, if there still remains a portion of the term unexpired, the people shall elect a person to serve during such remainder. The commissioner who has served the longest shall be the chairman of the board, provided, however, that in its first organization, the person elected to serve for one year shall be the chairman of the board, to be succeeded by the person who was elected for two years.

—election and tenure of.

—powers and duties of commissioners.

The board shall have full charge of the maintenance and repair of the streets, roads, ways, sidewalks, bridges, sewers, culverts, drains and catch basins. It shall appoint some competent person who shall not be a member of the board as superintendent of streets, who shall perform all the duties incumbent upon the present street commissioner of the city, which office is hereby abolished, and when necessary, may employ a competent engineer.

—shall be agents in reference to sewers, of municipal officers.

For the construction, repair and maintenance of drains and sewers the board shall be the authorized agents of the municipal officers, and shall only act under their direction; and nothing in this act shall be construed to divest the municipal officers of any duties relating thereto, which are by law imposed upon them.

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Sections 3 and 4 of this act valid after acceptance of, by voters of the city.

Section 5. At a special election called for that purpose, the voters of said city shall have the right by majority vote to accept or reject sections three and four of this act; neither of which shall take effect until it shall have been so accepted, and upon being so accepted, section three shall take effect on the third Monday of March next following its acceptance, section four shall take effect as therein provided and sections one and two shall take effect when approved, provided, that nothing in section two shall be held to prohibit any member of the city council from holding any office to which he may be elected prior to July one, nineteen hundred and three.

Section 6. All acts and parts of acts, inconsistent with the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed.

Section 7. For the purpose of calling the special election, provided for in section five, this act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 18, 1903.

Chapter 196.

An Act to authorize the Kennebunk Electric Light Company to issue bonds.

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

Section 1. The Kennebunk Electric Light Company, a corporation organized under the general laws of the state of Maine, and located at Kennebunk, county of York, is hereby authorized and empowered to issue coupon or registered bonds, to provide means for constructing its lines and plant, funding its floating debt, or for the payment of money borrowed for any lawful purpose, upon vote at a legal meeting of its stockholders, and may mortgage or pledge as security for the payment of the principal and interest of such bonds, a part or all of its property and franchises. Such bonds may be issued in sums of not less than one hundred dollars each, payable at periods not exceeding twenty years from the date thereof, and in such amount as shall not exceed, including that of bonds previously issued, the capital stock of said corporation.

Authorized to issue bonds.

—denomination of bonds.

Section 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 18, 1903.