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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

As Passed by the Seventy-fourth
Legislature

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Chapter 30.

An Act to amend the charter of the City of South Portland.

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

Section 1. The city council of the city of South Portland shall, on the second Monday of March, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and nine, or as soon thereafter as may be, elect a commissioner of public works, who shall be a civil engineer, and who shall hold office for three years, and until his successor is qualified, and each succeeding election thereafter shall be for a term of three years. He shall receive such salary as the city council may determine. In case any vacancy should occur, it may be filled in the same manner for the unexpired term. He may be removed for cause by the city council.

Commis-
sioner of
public
works,
election of.

-tenure.

-salary.

Section 2. The commissioner of public works shall not be interested, either directly or indirectly, in any contract entered into by him in his official capacity or in behalf of the city of South Portland, and contracts made in violation thereof, shall be void.

Shall not
be interested
in any
contract.

Section 3. The said commissioner shall be vested with all the authority now exercised by and shall perform all duties now incumbent upon the street commissioner of said city of South Portland, which office is hereby abolished, and shall have charge of the maintenance and repair according to law of all streets and public ways in said city of South Portland, including sidewalks and bridges, and of all public sewers and drains, and of the construction, maintenance and repair of all culverts and catch basins belonging to the city; shall have charge of the construction of new streets and bridges when laid out and ordered to be constructed by order of the city council; shall have charge of the construction of new sewers when the same are laid out according to law; shall take general care of all property belonging to the city which pertains to the duties of said commissioner of public works. Said commissioner shall be authorized to purchase everything necessary and convenient to conduct the business of his department; shall employ all assistants, foremen, and laborers, and make all contracts for the supply of material necessary to carry on the works in charge of the said commissioner.

Authority
and duties.

Section 4. The city council shall annually appropriate such sums of money as they may deem necessary and sufficient to carry on the work of said commissioner. Such appropriation shall be drawn from the city treasury in such manner as the city council may from time to time by ordinance direct.

City council
shall
appropriate
money
to carry
on work.

Section 5. Annually at the organization of the city council

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Committee
on public
works, how
appointed.

—committee
shall audit
accounts.

Shall keep
records of
all doings.

—shall make
report to
city council.

Additional
duties.

Provisions
of law to
apply to
commis-
sioner of
public
works.

Shall give
bond.

Inconsistent
acts
repealed.

of said city, or as soon thereafter as may be, the mayor shall appoint two members of the board of aldermen, both of whom shall not be of the same political party if more than one party is represented in said board, who shall, with the mayor, ex-officio, who shall be chairman of said committee, constitute a committee to be called the committee on public works. Said committee shall monthly audit all accounts of said commissioner and their approval shall be necessary to the payment of any and all bills contracted by the commissioner of public works in the discharge of his duties.

Section 6. The commissioner shall keep full record of all his doings, which record shall at all times be open to the inspection of the city council, or any member thereof, and shall make report to the said city council, or any member thereof, and shall make report to the said city council whenever so directed, of the work completed or in process of completion, and said city council shall have power to inquire into the action of said commissioner at all times and to require of him a full explanation of his doings.

Section 7. The city council may, from time to time, subject to the provisions of this act, and in accordance with the general laws, delegate to said commissioner such additional administrative powers and duties as the city council may by ordinance determine.

Section 8. All the provisions of law pertaining to the street commissioner of said city of South Portland not inconsistent with the provisions of this act shall apply to the commissioner of public works herein authorized.

Section 9. Before assuming the duties of his office the commissioner shall give bond to the city in the sum of one thousand dollars, with such sureties as the city council shall approve for the faithful performance of his duties.

Section 10. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, and all provisions of the charter and all ordinances of said city of South Portland inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed and declared inoperative and without effect.

Approved February 19, 1909.

Chapter 31.

An Act to extend the charter of the People's Trust Company of Houlton and to amend the same.

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

Section 1,
chapter 349,

Section 1. Section one of chapter three hundred and forty-nine of the private and special laws of eighteen hundred and