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CHAP. 275

May erect and operate works for generating and supplying electricity.

—maintain lines of wires along and over streets and bridges.

Section 2. For the purposes mentioned in section one, said company is hereby authorized and empowered to build, erect, and operate manufactories and works, for making, generating, distributing and supplying electricity upon said property, to use the same therein, and to erect, lay down, contract, maintain and operate lines of wires or other material for the transmission of electricity under, along, upon and over the streets, ways and bridges in said Richmond and Bowdoinham, subject to the restrictions and regulations regarding the same, as provided in revised statutes, chapter fifty-five, sections sixteen to twenty-four inclusive.

Approved March 24, 1909.

Chapter 275.

An Act to amend the charter of City of Westbrook.

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

Section 20, of section 1, Chapter 257, special laws, 1907, amended.

Section 1. For the purpose of changing the method of appointment and term of office of the police officers of the police department of the city of Westbrook, designated as regular policemen.

Section 2. To amend section twenty of section one of chapter two hundred and fifty-seven of the private laws of nineteen hundred and seven of the state of Maine, so as to read as follows:

May establish police department.

‘Section 20. All the powers of establishing watch and ward now vested by the laws of the state in the justices of the peace, and municipal officers or inhabitants of the town are, so far as relates to said city, vested in the city council, and they are authorized to unite the watch and police departments into one department, and establish suitable regulations for the government of the same. The officers of the police shall be one chief, to be styled the city marshal, so many deputy marshals as the city council shall by ordinance prescribe, and so many watchmen and police as the city council may from time to time adjudge necessary; such police, except marshals and deputy marshals and policemen who may be appointed for special occasions, to hold office until reaching the age of sixty years or during good behavior, to be designated as regular police, and to be appointed by the mayor upon recommendation of a committee or board of three which said committee or board shall be made up and appointed by the mayor from the city at large

—officers of the police.

—appointment and tenure of regular police.

and serve without pay. One member at least of which committee or board shall be a physician. The duty of this committee shall be to examine all applicants for the position of regular policemen, ranking the same according to their mental and physical condition, so that when a vacancy occurs in the ranks of the regular police, the applicant who has passed the highest examination during the preceding three years, shall be the eligible candidate to be confirmed by the mayor. If, for any reason, a candidate passing the highest examination is not confirmed by the mayor or withdraws, then the candidates shall be presented for confirmation by the mayor in the order of their standing when passing the examination.

—duty of committee.

The tenure of office of the members of this committee or board shall be for three years, one member to be appointed each year, except that the members appointed upon this committee or board during the year nineteen hundred and ten, shall by lot decide the tenure of their office, one retiring each year. The said committee or board to have power to make suitable rules for its own government.

—tenure of members of committee.

If, for any just cause, the mayor deems any officer appointed under this act unsatisfactory or incompetent, he may order him to appear before said examining board, and shall prefer written charges against him, which charges shall be heard by said board; at which hearing any citizen of Westbrook may appear and be heard, and said board shall decide whether said charges have been sustained or not, and if sustained the mayor may remove such officer, and appoint another in his stead under the provisions of this act.

—mayor may order officers before examining board for just cause.

This act shall in no wise be held to affect the status of the present members of the police force of the city of Westbrook, and shall in no wise affect the length of their terms of service.'

—this act not to effect present members of force.

Section 3. This act to take effect when accepted by a majority vote of the citizens of the city of Westbrook at their next municipal election.

When act shall take effect.

Approved March 24, 1909.

Chapter 276.

An Act authorizing and empowering George F. L'Abbee, of Eagle Lake Plantation, County of Aroostook, to erect and maintain piers, piles and booms in the Fish River.

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

Section 1. George F. L'Abbee, his heirs and assigns, are hereby authorized and empowered to locate, erect and maintain piers, piles and booms in the Fish river, commencing at

Piers and booms authorized in Fish river.