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OF THE

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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**Chapter 293.**

An Act in relation to Political Caucuses in the City of Old Town.

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

City committee in Old Town authorized to fix time and place for holding ward caucuses.

—notice, how given.

Assessors shall ascertain politics of voters and transmit lists to board of registration.

Board shall give notice to every person of such designation and that the names will be placed on copies of voting lists.

—board shall notify every person having no party designation.

—shall be in session on certain days to make changes.

Section 1. The city committees of all political parties in the city of Old Town are hereby authorized to fix the time and place of and call ward and general caucuses of their respective parties; provided, however, that such call shall be by public notice posted in two conspicuous places in each ward of said city where such caucus is to be held at least seven days before the time of holding such caucus.

Section 2. The assessors of said Old Town in making the annual lists of persons liable to be assessed for a poll tax, as now required by law, shall ascertain, so far as possible, the political party of which each person is a member, or with which he purposes to act, if any, and shall designate such party against his name in all lists so made and transmitted, as required by law, to the board of registration in said Old Town, and in all additions to and corrections of such assessors' lists so made and transmitted.

Section 3. The board of registration in said Old Town, as soon as may be after the receipt of such assessors' list, and before the first day of August in each year, shall give notice by mail, of such designation to every person against whose name the same appears, with notice that the same will be placed upon the certified copies of the voting lists to be used in caucuses as hereinafter provided, unless he requests some other party designation in person or by writing, on or before the twentieth day of August next. Said board shall at the same time so notify every person having no party designation upon the assessors' list of the fact of such omission and that his name will bear no party designation upon the voting lists unless he requests said board, in person or by writing on or before the twentieth day of August next, to make such designation. In case of additions to and corrections in the original assessors' list, such notices shall be issued immediately upon receipt thereof by said board. Said board of registration shall be in public session from nine in the forenoon to one o'clock in the afternoon, and from three to five o'clock in the afternoon, and from seven until nine o'clock in the afternoon on each of the two secular days next prior to the twentieth day of August of each year for the purpose of making additions to said lists and changes and corrections in the party designation of voters. And thereafter said board of registration shall from time to time add to said lists all names which have been added to the list of voters, with the party designation,

if any, and shall take from said list all names which have been stricken from the list of voters.

Section 4. After the board of registration shall have made the list of voters for the year nineteen hundred and nine with the party designation as provided in section three of said act, such party designation shall remain the same on that list and the lists for subsequent years unless a voter in person or in writing signed by him, shall request his party designation to be changed at the August session of each year as herein provided.

Such party designation shall remain the same unless a voter shall request his party designation changed.

Section 5. The board of registration shall at the request of the committees of the political parties in said Old Town furnish them with certified copies of the correct lists of voters, by wards, or precincts used in their said city at the election next preceding any caucus called under the provisions of this act, the expense of furnishing such copies to be paid as other expenses of said board of registration are now paid. The copies so furnished shall contain against the name of every voter, the party designation requested by such voter as above provided, if any, and in default thereof, the party designation returned by the assessors as above provided, if any.

Committees of political parties may be furnished with certified copies.

—copies shall contain name and politics of voters.

Section 6. Said certified copies of the lists of voters shall be used in all party caucuses held in said Old Town for the nomination of candidates to be voted for in city elections, or for the choice of delegates for county, district and state conventions, if the city committee shall so determine and provide in the call and such committee shall be required to provide for the use of such list upon written request of ten or more voters of the party filed with the chairman or clerk of the committee at any time before the call is posted.

Copies of lists of voters shall be used in all party caucuses.

Section 7. No person shall be allowed to vote in any caucus of any political party held in said Old Town for any of the above purposes unless the designation of the party appears against his name in the certified copy of the voting list used in such caucus.

No person allowed to vote in any caucus unless name and designation is on the list.

Section 8. In any call for a caucus as provided for by this act, the committee calling the same may designate, in the call, the time when the polls for receiving votes shall be open, and allowing in all cases a reasonable length of time for said polls to remain open, may further designate in such call, the time when said polls shall be closed, and the time of closing said polls when so designated shall not by any vote of those taking part in such caucus be made earlier or later than the time designated in the call.

Committees in calling caucuses, may designate time when polls will be closed.

—when polls shall close.

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Incon-  
sistent act  
repealed.

Section 9. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed as far as they apply to the city of Old Town.

Approved March 24, 1909.

### Chapter 294.

An Act to amend an act entitled "An Act to incorporate the City of Old Town."

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

Section 20,  
Chapter 71,  
special  
laws, 1891,  
as amended  
by Chap-  
ter 210,  
special  
laws, 1896,  
as amended  
by Chapter  
197, special  
laws, 1903,  
further  
amended.

Section twenty of chapter seventy-one of the private and special laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-one, incorporating the city of Old Town, as amended by chapter two hundred and ten of the private and special laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-five, as amended by chapter one hundred ninety-seven of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred and three, is hereby further amended by striking out, in the sixth line, the words "members of a street board" and by inserting in place thereof the words 'street superintendent' and by striking out the words "members of the street board" in the fifteenth line and inserting in place thereof the words 'street superintendent' and by striking out in the eighteenth and nineteenth lines the words "and street board" so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

Certain  
subordi-  
nate of-  
ficers to be  
elected by  
city coun-  
cil.

'Section 20. The subordinate officers of said city to be elected by the city council shall be three overseers of the poor, three assessors, treasurer, collector of taxes, members of the school board, two street commissioners, city engineer, city clerk, city attorney and city marshal, chief engineer of the fire department, street superintendent, city physician, constables, truant officers, members of a cemetery board, fence viewers, surveyors of lumber, measurers of wood and bark, and such other officers as by law are allowed to be elected by towns, except as otherwise hereby provided; and also such as are provided for in the by-laws or ordinances of the city. The overseers of the poor, assessors, treasurer, members of the school board, street commissioners, city engineer, city attorney and city marshal, chief engineer of the fire department, members of the cemetery board, street superintendent and city physician shall be elected by written ballot; and the other officers elected by the city council may be elected by any method agreed upon by said council. The cemetery board and school board shall consist of as many members as there are wards of the city; and the

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