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of any owner of land therein, or the town unreasonably refuses to accept said bridge when laid out, the petitioner, or any person interested, may, within one year thereafter, present a petition stating the facts to the commissioners of Cumberland county, at a regular session, who shall give notice thereof to all interested, and act thereon in the manner provided by statute respecting highways. Any person interested shall have the same right of appeal from the decision of the county commissioners as is provided by section twenty-one of chapter twenty-three of the Revised Statutes.'

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—petition to county commissioners.

—right of appeal.

Approved March 29, 1915.

**Chapter 144.**

An Act to Amend Section Four of Chapter Three Hundred Sixty-three of the Private and Special Laws of Eighteen Hundred Fifty, Entitled, "An Act to Incorporate the City of Belfast," as Amended by Chapter Two Hundred Seventy-two of the Private and Special Laws of Nineteen Hundred Nine.

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

Section four of chapter three hundred sixty-three of the Private and Special Laws of eighteen hundred fifty, as amended by chapter two hundred seventy-two of the Private and Special Laws of nineteen hundred nine, is hereby amended by striking out after the word "except" first appearing in said section four, the words "road commissioner, who shall be elected by ballot, as now done by towns, at the annual election for a term of two years," and inserting in place thereof the words 'that the mayor and aldermen shall be empowered to select and employ a competent man to superintend the construction and repairing of all highways, bridges and sidewalks, at a salary to be agreed upon by the city council, said person so selected to be designated as the Supervisor of Highways,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

Ch. 363, Sec. 4, P. & S. Laws 1850, as amended by Ch. 272 P. & S. Laws 1909, further amended.

'Section 4. The executive powers of said city generally, and the administration of police, with all the powers of selectmen of the town of Belfast, shall be vested in the mayor and aldermen as fully as if the same had been herein particularly enumerated; all other powers now vested in the inhabitants of said town, and all powers granted by this act, shall be vested in the mayor and aldermen and common council of said city, to be exercised by concurrent vote, each board to have a negative upon the other; but all elections of officers by the city council shall be by joint ballot of the two boards in convention. The city council shall, annually, on the third Monday of March,

Executive powers shall be vested in mayor and aldermen.

—other powers.

—appointment of.

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Supervisor  
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—fire de-  
partment.

—removal  
for cause.

—tenure of  
office.

—moneys to  
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to city  
treasury.

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—care of  
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erty, etc.

—report of  
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or as soon thereafter as conveniently may be, elect and appoint all the subordinate officers and agents for the city for the ensuing year, except that the mayor and aldermen shall be empowered to select and employ a competent man to superintend the construction and repairing of all highways, bridges and sidewalks, at a salary to be agreed upon by the city council, said person so selected to be designated as the Supervisor of Highways, including a chief engineer and other engineers of the fire department, which chief engineer, or in his absence, any two other engineers, shall have all the power and authority that fire wards now have; shall define their duties and fix their compensation, in cases where such duties and compensation shall not be defined and fixed by laws of this State; and may by concurrent vote remove officers, when in their opinion sufficient cause for removal exists. All officers shall be chosen and vacancies supplied for the current year, except as herein otherwise directed. All the said subordinate officers and agents shall hold their offices during the ensuing year and until others shall be elected and qualified in their stead, unless sooner removed by the city council. All moneys received and collected for and on account of the city, by any officer or agent thereof, shall forthwith be paid into the city treasury. The city council shall take care that moneys shall not be paid from the treasury unless granted or appropriated; shall secure a prompt and just accountability, by requiring bonds with sufficient penalty and sureties from all persons trusted with the receipt, custody or disbursement of money; shall have the care and superintendence of the city buildings and the custody and management of the city property, with power to let or sell what may be legally let or sold; and to purchase and to take in the name of the city, such real or personal property, not exceeding the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, including the property now owned by the town, as they may think useful to the public interest. And the city council shall, often as once a year, cause to be published for the information of the inhabitants, a particular account of the receipts and expenditures and a schedule of the city property, and no money shall be paid from the treasury unless the same be appropriated by the city council, and upon a warrant signed by the mayor, which warrant shall state the appropriation under which the same is drawn.'

Approved March 29, 1915.