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specified and stated in chapter three hundred forty-eight of the Private and Special Laws of nineteen hundred nine, and for the purpose of purchasing the plant and business of any person, partnership or corporation carrying on or doing any electric business in the town of Houlton, to an amount not exceeding one hundred and twenty thousand dollars; may sell and convey the same; and may issue, negotiate and sell its bonds to an amount not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars for the purposes stated in this act, and said bonds to the amount of one hundred thousand dollars may be purchased and held by the savings banks and trust companies of Maine.'

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to amount  
of \$120,000.—sell bonds  
not to ex-  
ceed \$100,000.

Approved March 31, 1915.

### Chapter 163.

An Act to Authorize the Construction of a Weir in the Tide Waters of the Cobscook River in the Town of Lubec.

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

Section 1. A. J. Small of Lubec, in the county of Washington, is hereby authorized to build and maintain a weir for fishing purposes in front of his land in the tide waters of the Cobscook river, in said Lubec, providing, that said weir does not interfere with navigation, or the rights of others.

—may  
maintain  
weir for  
fishing pur-  
poses.

Section 2. The above mentioned weir shall be located as follows, to wit: commencing on the shore of said A. J. Small's land, and running in an easterly direction eight hundred feet, more or less, to a ledge on Cooper's island, owned by said A. J. Small; thence in a southeasterly direction three hundred feet, more or less; thence in a southwesterly direction seventy-five feet, more or less, to a ledge where the mouth of weir will be located; thence up the said shore of said A. J. Small's land in a southwesterly direction one hundred and seventy-five feet, more or less.

—location  
of weir,  
defined.

Approved March 31, 1915.

### Chapter 164.

An Act to Provide for the Establishment of a Board of Recreation for the City of Portland.

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

Section 1. A commission, to be styled the recreation commission for the city of Portland, is hereby established.

Establish-  
ment of a  
recreation  
commis-  
sion.

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—of whom composed.

Section 2. The recreation commission shall be composed of seven members, consisting of the mayor, one alderman to be elected by the board of aldermen, two councilmen, one from each party, to be appointed by the president of the common council, the chief of police, one member of the school committee to be elected by the superintending school committee, and one member of the park commission to be elected by the board of park commissioners. Each member of this commission shall serve for one year, and shall be elected on the second Monday in December in each year, or as soon thereafter as may be, except that the mayor and chief of police shall serve without election by virtue of their respective offices; and vacancies shall be filled in the same manner.

—tenure of office.

—organization of the commission.

Section 3. The mayor shall be the chairman of the recreation commission. The members of the recreation commission shall serve without compensation, and from their own number, elect a secretary and other necessary officers to serve for one year, or until their successors are elected. The recreation commission shall have power to adopt rules of procedure and prescribe regulations for the conduct of all business within its jurisdiction. A majority of the membership of the board shall constitute a quorum.

—rules and regulations.

—shall have charge of all recreation grounds.

Section 4. The recreation commission shall have power to organize, manage and supervise the various playgrounds, recreation centers, beach and bathing grounds, bath houses, winter sports, skating ponds, either natural or artificial, outdoor entertainments, and other facilities for recreation of which it may be given charge as provided herein; and to employ and discharge such supervisors, instructors and other necessary subordinates, and to order the payment for the services of the same from such fund as is herein created.

—city council may permit use of lands held by city.

Section 5. The city council may, by ordinance from time to time hereafter, permit the recreation commission to have the use of any lands now held by the city or hereafter acquired by it by gift, devise, purchase, lease, or license, and said city council may also by ordinance or otherwise transfer from the care of the park commission to the charge of the recreation commission any playgrounds, ponds or beaches, adaptable for playgrounds or recreation purposes and by such ordinances or otherwise determine the time, terms and conditions of said transfer.

—funds for carrying on work, how obtained.

Section 6. For the purposes of carrying out the provisions of this act, the board of park commissioners are hereby ordered, authorized and directed to pay over to the recreation commission annually ten percentum of the amount annually appro-

riated by the city council of the city of Portland for park purposes, said ten percentum to be paid in equal quarterly payments on the first day of January, April, July and October of each year.

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Section 7. This act shall not limit or affect in any way the authority conferred by law upon the park commission of said city to lay out and improve the public parks, promenades, squares, cemeteries and public grounds in said city nor shall it apply to any land acquired by the city by gift, devise, purchase or otherwise for park purposes.

—shall not affect park commission.

Section 8. The recreation commission shall annually make a report of its proceedings during the preceding year to the city council, with such recommendations for the development of playgrounds and recreation facilities, including additions thereto, as it may deem advisable.

—annual report.

Section 9. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

—inconsistent acts repealed.

Approved March 31, 1915.

**Chapter 165.**

An Act to Incorporate the Southwest Harbor Water District.

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

Section 1. The following territory and the people within the same, namely, the town of Southwest Harbor, except lots numbered ninety-nine and one hundred one on Salem Town's plan of Mount Desert island, said lots being in town of Southwest Harbor, shall constitute a public municipal corporation under the name of the Southwest Harbor Water District for the purpose of supplying the inhabitants of said municipality with pure water for domestic, sanitary and municipal purposes.

Southwest Harbor Water District incorporated.

—purposes.

Section 2. The said district for the purpose of its incorporation is hereby authorized to take, hold, divert, use and distribute water from Long pond situated in the towns of Southwest Harbor and Mount Desert and also from any artesian wells, streams or ponds in said town of Southwest Harbor, provided that no water except as herein provided, shall be taken from any spring not in actual use for domestic purposes, or ponds now used for similar purposes without the consent of the owners.

—source of water supply.

Section 3. The said district for the purpose of its incorporation hereby is authorized to take and hold, as for public uses, by purchase or otherwise, any land or interest therein

—may take and hold necessary property.