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Section 6. All provisions in the charter inconsistent with the provisions of this amendment, and none other, are hereby repealed.

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—inconsistent provisions of charter repealed.

Approved April 2, 1915.

Chapter 216.

An Act to Grant a New Charter to the City of Bangor, Penobscot County, State of Maine, Repealing All Laws or Parts of Laws in Conflict Herewith.

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

ARTICLE I

Section 1. The inhabitants of the city of Bangor, in the county of Penobscot, shall continue to be a body politic and incorporate by the name of the City of Bangor, and as such shall have, exercise and enjoy all the rights, immunities, powers, privileges and franchises and be subject to all the duties and obligations now appertaining to or incumbent upon said city as a municipal corporation, or appertaining to or incumbent upon the inhabitants or officers thereof, and may ordain and publish such acts, ordinances, laws and regulations, not inconsistent with the Constitution and laws of this State, as shall be needful to the good order of said body politic, and impose fines, and penalties for the breach thereof not exceeding fifty dollars for any one offense which may be recovered to the use of the said city, by action of debt, or on complaint before the municipal court in said city.

Corporate name.

—rights, franchises, etc.

—duties and obligations.

—may impose fines and penalties.

ARTICLE II

Section 2. The elective officers of the city shall consist of five supervisors, constituting the city council and no others.

One of the supervisors shall be supervisor of administration and ex-officio mayor; one shall be supervisor of finance; one shall be supervisor of public safety; one shall be supervisor of public works; one shall be supervisor of public property. Each of these five supervisors shall be elected at large by the qualified voters of the whole city, and each shall have charge of the division of city affairs indicated by his official title, subject to the reservations of power and duty to school committee, to the library trustees and to the water board, elsewhere provided in this act.

—Supervisors, election and duties of.

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Section 3. The terms of all elective officers shall commence at ten o'clock in the forenoon of the first Monday in April following their election, and shall be for three years each, and until ten o'clock in the forenoon of the first Monday in April following the election of their successors and until their successors shall qualify to act in their stead; provided, however, that the terms of office of the supervisor of public safety and of the supervisor of public works first elected under this act shall be two years only, and the term of the supervisor of public property first so elected shall be one year only.

—tenure of office.

—proviso.

—salaries of elective officers.

Section 4. The salaries of all elective officers shall be as established by ordinance proposed in accordance with the provisions of this act, provided, that until thus established the salary of the supervisor of administration shall be at the rate of twenty-five hundred dollars per year; the salary of each of the other four supervisors shall be at the rate of eighteen hundred dollars per year, each of these five salaries to be payable in equal monthly instalments, and provided further, that a change in salary shall apply only to such officers as enter upon full terms of office after the enactment of said change.

—salary in full.

No elective officer shall receive any compensation for any service he may render the city during his term of office, other than that which is provided in this section.

—shall not hold other office in city government.

No elective officer shall, during the term for which he was chosen, be eligible, either by appointment, or by election by the city council, or by the school committee, or by the water board or library trustees, to any office other than that for which he was chosen, the salary of which is payable by the city, or shall during such term hold any such other office.

—members of council shall not have interest in city contracts.

Section 5. It shall be unlawful for a member of the city council, or for any officer or employee of the city, directly or indirectly, to make a contract with the city, or to receive any commission, discount, bonus, gift, contribution or reward from any person or corporation making or performing a contract with the city. A violation of any provision of this section shall render the contract in respect to which the violation occurs voidable at the option of the city. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars, or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

—penalty for violation.

—filling of vacancies, how provided for.

Section 6. If for any reason whatsoever a vacancy occurs in the city council, whether as to the mayor or one or more of the other supervisors, the city council shall by its remaining members call a special city election to fill the vacancy or vacan-

CHAP. 216 for said office, and am not at this time a signer of any other certificate nominating any other candidate for the above named office; that my residence is No. Street, Bangor.

(Signed)

Witness :

(Signed)

Residence of witness :

No.

Street,

Bangor.

The petition of nomination, of which this certificate forms a part, shall, if found insufficient, be returned to at No. Street, Bangor.

—blanks, where obtained.

Section 11. It shall be the duty of the city clerk to furnish upon application a sufficient number of forms of such individual certificates or joint nomination petitions, and of acceptances of nomination.

—further particulars regarding nomination certificates.

Section 12. Each certificate shall be a separate paper. All certificates shall be of uniform size as determined by the city clerk. Each certificate shall contain the name and signature of one signer thereof and no more. Each certificate shall contain the name of one candidate and no more. In case a voter has signed two or more conflicting petitions only that one of his conflicting signatures which was included in the petition first presented to the city clerk, as provided in section thirteen of this act, shall be valid. Each witness may be any qualified voter of Bangor except the candidate named in the certificate.

Nominating petitions, when and how presented.

Section 13. Petitions of nominations shall be presented to the city clerk not earlier than thirty or later than twenty days before the election. The city clerk shall endorse on each petition the exact time at which it was presented to him, and by whom it was presented. All papers constituting a petition of nomination shall be presented to the city clerk at one time, except as is provided in section fourteen of this act.

Nominating petitions may be amended.

Section 14. When a petition of nomination is presented to the city clerk for filing, he shall forthwith examine the same and ascertain whether it conforms to the provisions of this act. If found not to conform thereto, he shall then and there in writing on said petition state the reason why such petition cannot be filed, and shall within two days return the petition to the person named therein as the person to whom it shall be returned. The petition may then be amended and again, but not later than two days not including Sunday or a legal holiday, after said petition shall have been returned, be presented to the

city clerk, as in the first instance. The city clerk shall forthwith proceed to examine the amended petition as hereinbefore provided.

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Section 15. If either the original or the amended petition of nomination be found sufficiently signed and witnessed as hereinbefore provided, the city clerk shall file the same forthwith; provided, that no amended petition shall be presented later than sixteen days before election.

—city clerk shall file petition.

—proviso.

Section 16. Any person nominated under this article shall file his acceptance, his signature thereto witnessed by a qualified voter of Bangor, with the city clerk not later than sixteen days before the day of election, and in the absence of such acceptance the name of the candidate shall not appear on the ballot.

—date of filing nominee's acceptance.

Section 17. The acceptance mentioned in the preceding section shall be substantially in the following form:

—forms of nominee's acceptance.

State of Maine
County of Penobscot, ss.
City of Bangor

I, _____ having heretofore been nominated for the office of _____ in the city of Bangor, to be voted for at the municipal election to be held in the said city on the _____ day of _____, 19____, do hereby accept the said nomination, and I hereby declare that I am a qualified voter of said city, that my residence is at No. _____ Street, Bangor, and that I have not become, and am not a candidate for any other office to be voted for at said election.

(Signed)

Witness:

(Signed)

Residence of witness: No. _____ Street, Bangor.

Section 18. The city clerk shall preserve in his office for a period of four years from the time of the respective filing of the same, all petitions of nomination, and all certificates, acceptances, and memoranda belonging thereto, filed under this act, but shall thereafter destroy the same.

—preservation of nomination petitions.

Section 19. The city clerk shall, not later than the fourteenth day before every election, certify the list of candidates, with their residences, whose names are entitled to appear on the ballot, as being the list of candidates nominated as required by this act, together with the offices for which they are respectively candidates at such election, designating whether such election is for a full or for an unexpired term; and he shall file in his office said certified list of names and offices, and he shall cause to be published before such election, in three successive issues of at

Publication of lists of candidates.

CHAP. 216 least two newspapers of general circulation published in the city of Bangor, or in any different or additional manner that may be provided by ordinance, an election notice which shall contain said certified list of names of candidates and offices to be filled, and the time and the places of holding such election.

—ballots,
how pre-
pared.

Section 20. The city clerk shall cause ballots for each general and special municipal election to be prepared, printed, and authenticated as provided by the Constitution and laws of the State, except as is otherwise required by this act. The ballots shall contain the full list and correct names of all the offices to be filled, and the names and residences of all the candidates respectively therefor.

Form of
ballots.

Section 21. Except that the crosses here shown shall be omitted, and that in place of the names and offices here shown shall be substituted the names and residences of the actual candidates and the offices for which they are respectively nominated, the ballots shall be in substantially the following form:

General (or special) municipal election, city of Bangor. (Inserting date thereof.)

—method of
voting.

Instructions—To vote for any person, make a cross (X) in the square in the appropriate column according to your choice, at the right of the name voted for. Vote your first choice in the first column; vote your second choice in the second column; vote in the third column for all the other candidates whom you wish to support; vote only one first choice and only one second choice for any one office. Do not vote more than one choice for any one candidate by this ballot.

If you wrongly mark, tear, or deface this ballot, return it, and obtain another.

For Supervisor of Administration	First Choice	Second Choice	Other Choices
Richard Roe			X
James Hoe	X		
John Doe		X	
Henry Poe			X
Louis Coe			
For Supervisor of Finance			
Frank Smith	X		
Harry Jones		X	
Fred Brown			
For Supervisor of Public Safety			
Hiram Black			
Robert White	X		

Section 22. One space shall be left below the printed names of the candidates for each office to be voted for, wherein the voter may write the name and residence of any person for whom he may wish to vote.

—space below names.

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Party designations excluded from ballot.

Section 23. The names and residences of candidates for the same office shall be printed on the ballot in the order in which they may be drawn by the city clerk, whose duty it shall be to make such drawing and to give each candidate an opportunity to be present thereat personally or by one representative. Nothing on the ballot shall be indicative of the source of the candidacy or of the support of any candidate. No ballot shall have printed thereon any party or political designation or mark, and there shall not be appended to the name of any candidate any such party or political designation or mark, or anything indicating his views or opinions. There shall also appear on the ballot all questions required by law, or by this act, to be submitted to a vote of the qualified voters of the city.

—distribution of sample ballots.

Section 24. The city clerk shall, at least ten days before the election, cause to be printed a sufficient number of sample ballots, upon paper of different color but otherwise identical with the ballot to be used at the election, and shall distribute the same to registered voters at his office.

Canvass of returns, how made.

Section 25. As soon as the polls are closed, the election clerks shall immediately open the ballot boxes, take therefrom and count the ballots in public view, and enter the total number thereof on the tally sheet provided therefor by the city clerk. They shall also count and enter the number of the first-choice, second-choice and other-choice votes for each candidate on said tally sheet and make return thereof to the city clerk as provided by law.

Only one vote shall be counted for any candidate on any one ballot, all but the highest of two or more choices on one ballot for one and the same candidate being void.

If two and not more choices for any one office are voted in the first-choice column on any one ballot, they shall both be counted as second-choices, and all other choices voted on that ballot for that office shall be counted as other-choices.

If three or more choices for any one office are voted in the first-choice column on any one ballot, all choices voted on that ballot for that office shall be counted as other-choices.

If two or more choices for any one office are voted in the second-choice column on any one ballot, they shall be counted as other-choices.

Except as hereinbefore provided all choices shall be counted as marked on the ballot.

The city clerk shall then determine the successful candidates as hereinafter provided in this section.

The person receiving a majority, as hereinafter in this section defined, of first-choice votes cast at an election for any office shall be elected to that office: Provided, that if no candidate shall receive such a majority of the first-choice votes for such office, the second-choice votes received by each candidate for the office shall be added to the first-choice votes received by each such candidate, and the candidate receiving the largest number of said first-choice and second-choice votes combined, if such votes constitute a majority, shall be elected thereto; and provided, further, that if no candidate shall have such a majority after adding the first-choice and second-choice votes, then other-choice votes received by each candidate for the office shall then be added to the first-choice and second-choice votes received by each such candidate, and the candidate having the largest number of first-choice, second-choice and other-choice combined shall be elected to such office.

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—determination of results of election.
—proviso.

A tie between two or more candidates shall be decided in favor of the one having the largest number of first-choice votes. If two or more are equal in that respect, then the candidate among them having the largest number of second-choice votes shall be elected. If this will not decide, then the result shall be determined by lot under the direction of the city clerk.

—tie, how decided.

Whenever the word "majority" is used in this section it shall mean more than one-half of the total number of first-choice votes for the office in question cast at such election.

—majority defined.

Section 26. To cover the cost of special municipal elections provided for in this act, the city council shall appropriate at the time of issuing the warrants for such election such sums as are necessary, the same to be taken from any unexpended balances at the end of the fiscal year, or carried forward as a deficit to the next year and then cared for by a special appropriation.

Appropriations for special elections.

Section 27. Except as otherwise provided in this act, the laws of the State governing annual city elections, special elections of city officers and special elections in cities shall so far as they may be applicable, govern such election in said city. No informalities in conducting municipal elections shall invalidate the same if they have been conducted fairly and in substantial conformity with the requirements of this charter.

State election laws shall govern city elections.

ARTICLE IV

Section 28. The mayor shall be the chief executive officer of the city, supervisor of administration and president of the city council, and shall preside at all meetings at which he is pres-

Powers and duties of the mayor.

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ent. He shall also be a member of and chairman of the school committee, the water board, and the board of trustees of the public library.

—enforce laws.

He shall see that the laws of the State, the provisions of this act, and the ordinances, resolutions, orders and regulations of the city are duly enforced.

—sign contracts, etc.

He shall sign all contracts, bonds and other instruments requiring the assent of the city, and shall take care that the provisions of the same are duly executed. All legal processes against the city shall be served upon the mayor or acting mayor.

—no power of veto.

He shall have the right to vote on all questions coming before the city council, but shall have no power of veto.

—powers provided by ordinance.

He shall have such other duties, rights and powers as may be provided by ordinance, not in conflict with this act.

—supervisor of finance may act as mayor.
—proviso.

During the absence or inability of the mayor to act, the supervisor of finance shall, as acting mayor, assume the duties and exercise all the rights and powers of the mayor: Provided, that, in the absence or inability so to act, of the supervisor of finance, the city council may select another from their number to perform the duties of the acting mayor.

ARTICLE V

Powers and procedure of the city council.

Section 29. The city council shall have and possess, and the city council and its members shall exercise all the legislative powers of the city, except as such powers are hereinafter reserved to the school committee, to the water board, to the library trustees, and to the qualified voters of the city, and the city council and its members severally or collectively, as hereinafter provided, shall have, possess, and shall, themselves or through such officers as they may elect or appoint, exercise all other powers, rights and duties, had, possessed, and exercised, immediately prior to the adoption of this act, by the mayor, board of aldermen, common council, the board of health, and all other boards, commissions and committees of the city and their members, severally or collectively, except such as are herein conferred upon the school committee, the water board and library trustees.

—shall be judge of elections.

The city council shall be the final judge of the election and qualification of all elective officers of the city, and shall determine its own rules of procedure except as otherwise herein specified.

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The city council shall prescribe the time and place of its meetings and the manner in which special meetings thereof may be called. The city clerk shall be the clerk of the city council, and shall sign and attest all measures passed by the city council: Provided, that any supervisor may, in case of need, upon authorization by the city council, perform this duty. A majority of all the members shall constitute a quorum to do business, but a less number may adjourn. The city council shall sit with open doors at all legislative sessions, and shall keep a journal of its proceedings, which shall be a public record.

—meetings.
—city clerk shall be clerk of council.

—quorum.

—shall keep journal.

Section 30. The city council shall, at its first meeting under this act, or as soon as practicable thereafter, and as vacancies may thereafter occur, elect, by a majority vote of all members of the city council, the following officers: A city treasurer and a city collector of taxes each for one year; a city clerk, a city solicitor, and a city auditor, each for three years.

Officers appointed by the council.

—treasurer, collector of taxes, etc.

In the same manner the city council shall elect three city assessors, one for three years, one for two years and one for one year; and shall thereafter fill the place of each city assessor whose term expires by electing his successor for three years; or in case of a vacancy occurring before the expiration of the term of any city assessor, a person to serve until the expiration of such term.

—assessors.

In the same manner the city council shall elect a registrar of voters for four years in place of each registrar whose term expires; or in case of a vacancy occurring before the expiration of the term of any registrar, a person to serve until the expiration of such term.

—registrar of voters.

The city council shall also elect in a similar manner any other officers necessary to the proper and efficient conduct of the affairs of the city, whose election by the city council shall be provided for by ordinance, or whose election is herein provided for.

—other necessary officers.

The officers provided for in section thirty of this act shall be subject to such regulations as the city council may adopt in so far as said regulations do not conflict with the duties of said officers as prescribed by law.

—make rules and regulations for officers.

The compensation of these officers shall be fixed by the city council.

—shall fix compensation of officers.

No member of the city council shall be elected or appointed to any office, position, or employment, the compensation of which was increased or fixed by the city council while he was a member thereof, until after the expiration of one year from the date when he ceased to be such a member.

—shall not elect from among members of council.

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Civil service appointments.

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—employee has right of appeal to council.

Legislative procedure of city council.

—aye and nay vote.

—ordinance, when passed.

—ordinance, when an emergency.

—ordinances not to be passed as emergency.

Section 31. All officers and employees of the city shall be elected or appointed with reference to their qualifications and fitness and for the good of the public service without reference to their political faith or party affiliations.

Section 32. The municipal council shall have the power from time to time to create, fill and discontinue offices and employments, other than those already existing; and may remove any such officer or employee, and may by resolution or otherwise prescribe, limit or change the compensation of such officer or employee.

All persons elected or appointed by the municipal council for the city's service and all persons employed by the municipal council or its officers in the city's service shall be selected under such civil service rules as shall be adopted by the municipal council.

The head of any department or any superintendent or foreman in charge of municipal work, may suspend any subordinate under his control for inefficiency, neglect of duty or disobedience of orders; but such employee shall have the right of appeal to an authority, next above such suspending authority, and shall be discharged only by that higher authority, and the decision of the municipal council, if appealed to, shall in all cases be final.

Section 33. (a) In legislative session, the city council shall act by ordinance, resolution, order or vote.

(b) The ayes and nays shall be taken upon the passage of all ordinances and resolutions, and entered upon the journal of its proceedings. Upon the request of any member, the ayes and nays shall be taken and recorded upon any order or vote. Every ordinance, resolution, order or vote passed by the city council shall, except as is provided in section twenty-nine of this act, require on final passage the affirmative vote of a majority of all the members of the city council.

(c) No ordinance shall be passed finally on the date on which it is introduced, except in cases of special emergency, for the preservation of the public peace, health or safety.

(d) No ordinance shall be regarded an emergency measure unless the emergency is defined and declared in a preamble thereto separately voted on and receiving the affirmative vote of four members of the city council.

(e) No ordinance making a grant, renewal or extension, whatever its kind or nature, of any franchise or special privilege shall be passed as an emergency measure, and no such grant, renewal or extension shall be made otherwise than by ordinance.

(f) The enacting clause of all ordinances passed by the city council shall be in these words:—Be it ordained by the city council of the city of Bangor.

—enacting clause of ordinances.

Section 34. Every proposed ordinance or loan order, except emergency measures as defined in section thirty-three, this act, shall be published once in full in at least two newspapers of the city, or in any different or additional manner that may be provided by ordinance, at least ten days before its final passage. After such final passage, it shall, in the same manner as before, again be published once, as amended and completed, except in the case of an emergency ordinance which may be passed as hereinbefore provided, and which shall take effect upon its passage and shall be so published at the earliest possible moment.

—publication of proposed ordinances.

Section 35. No ordinance passed by the city council, except as an emergency ordinance, shall take effect until ten days after its final passage and subsequent publication.

—ordinances, when to take effect.

Section 36. No ordinance or section thereof shall be amended or repealed except by an ordinance regularly adopted.

—amended or repealed ordinances.

ARTICLE VI

Section 37. The executive and administrative powers, authority and duties of the city not expressly reserved to the school committee, to the water board and to the library trustees, shall be distributed among five divisions as follows:

Executive and administrative divisions.

- I. Administration.
- II. Finance.
- III. Public Safety.
- IV. Public Works.
- V. Public Property.

The city council shall determine the policies to be pursued and the work to be undertaken in each division, but each supervisor shall have full power to carry out the policies or to have the work performed in his division as directed by the city council.

—city council shall determine policies.

Section 38. The supervisor of administration shall be ex-officio mayor and the chief officer of the city. He shall have supervision of the city clerk, of the city attorney, of the civil service, of weights and measures, of any other city business not otherwise provided for in this act or by ordinance, and shall have the further powers and discharge the further duties elsewhere in this act assigned to him. His part of the city administration so far as it differs from that of the other supervisors shall be included under the designation of the division of administration.

Supervisor of administration, powers and duties of.

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Supervisor of finance, powers and duties of.

Section 39. The supervisor of finance shall have supervision over the estimates of the probable expenditures of the city government for each fiscal year; over the collection of all revenues of the city; over the several city sinking funds; over the purchase of all city supplies, except those purchased under the authority of the school committee, the water board and the library trustees; over all city printing; and in general over all financial affairs of the city for which provision is not otherwise made herein.

Supervisor of public safety, powers and duties of.

Section 40. The supervisor of public safety shall have supervision over police departments, fire departments, city hospitals, care of the poor, including outside aid and the city home; military and state aid, inspection of milk and vinegar, inspection of animals, collection of garbage; and the work of the city physician.

Supervision of public works, powers and duties of.

Section 41. The supervisor of public works shall have supervision of streets, sidewalks, street lighting, street watering, collection of ashes, sewers, bridges, electrical affairs, inspection of wires, and engineering.

Supervisor of public property, powers and duties of.

Section 42. The supervisor of public property shall have supervision of the inspection, construction and maintenance of public buildings, except the maintenance of school buildings and school grounds, and the public library, and property under the jurisdiction of the water board, of building laws and the inspection of buildings, of cemeteries, of the parks, and of the harbor and wharves.

Powers, authorities and duties not provided for, how assigned.

Section 43. All executive and administrative powers, authority and duties, not otherwise provided for in this act, may be assigned to a suitable division by the city council by ordinance, and changes in the assignments made in this act may be made by ordinance by affirmative vote of four members of the city council, or by the people upon initiative petition as hereinafter provided.

Power of appointment and removal.

Section 44. Each supervisor shall, except as is otherwise provided in section thirty of this act, appoint a qualified person to serve as the head of each of the departments within his division and may remove him at any time for cause stated in the order for removal. The employees in each department shall be appointed and removed by the head of that department.

—record shall be kept of each division.

Section 45. Each of said supervisors shall keep a record book in which shall be recorded a brief but clear and comprehensive record of all affairs of the division under his charge as soon as performed and shall monthly render to the city council

a full report of all operations of such division and shall annually, and oftener if required by the city council, make a synopsis thereof for publication. All such records shall be open for public inspection. The city council shall provide for the publication of such annual or other reports and of such parts of the quarterly reports, or of such other information regarding city affairs as it may deem advisable.

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—annual report.

Section 46. The fiscal year of the city shall commence on the first Monday in April, and continue till the first Monday in April of the calendar year following.

—fiscal year, defined.

Section 47. On or before the first day of February of each year, the supervisors shall send to the supervisor of finance a careful, detailed estimate in writing of the appropriations required for the business and proper conduct of their respective divisions during the next ensuing fiscal year.

—estimates of appropriations.

Section 48. On or before the fifteenth day of February in each year, the supervisor of finance, the water board, the school committee and the library trustees shall submit to the city council an estimate of the probable expenditure of the city government for the next ensuing fiscal year, stating the amount required to meet the interest and maturing bonds of the outstanding indebtedness of the city, and showing specifically the amount necessary to be provided for each fund and department; also an estimate of the amount of income from all other sources of revenue, exclusive of taxes upon property, and the probable amount required to be levied and raised by taxation to defray all expenses and liabilities of the city.

Council shall make appropriations and fix tax levy.

The city council shall thereupon determine the sum to be raised by taxation and make the appropriations in detail for the next ensuing fiscal year.

Section 49. Every supervisor shall, before he enters upon the duties of his office, qualify by being sworn by a justice of the peace or notary public in the State, to the faithful performance of his duties, and a record thereof kept by the city clerk.

—oath of office.

ARTICLE VII

Section 50. The superintending school committee of the city of Bangor shall consist of seven members, one of whom shall be the mayor who shall be chairman of the board, the other six to be elected by the city council.

Superintending school committee.

At the first regular meeting of the city council after the adoption of this charter, and thereafter at the regular meeting of the city council in April each year, as the terms of office of the present school committee shall expire, shall be elected by

—election of.

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—tenure of office.

the city council, two persons resident of said city, to be members of the school committee, to hold their office for a term of three years and until their successors are elected and qualified in their stead; provided, nevertheless, that the members of the school committee in office at the time of the first election held under this charter, shall hold such office according to the terms of their election.

—election of agent.

The city council may annually elect an agent, whose duties shall be prescribed by the superintending school committee.

ARTICLE VIII

Water Board, when elected.

Section 51. At the first regular meeting of the city council after the adoption of this charter, and thereafter, annually, on the first Monday of April of each year, there shall be chosen by the city council, two persons residents of said city, to be members of said water board, to hold their office for a term of three years, and until their successors are chosen and qualified in their stead: Provided, nevertheless, that the members of said water board in office at the time of the first election under this charter, shall hold their office according to the terms of their election. Any vacancy arising in the membership of said board, shall, for the unexpired term, be filled in the manner above prescribed, by the city council. Any member of said board may be removed by a vote of the city council.

—tenure of office.

—proviso.

—vacancies how filled.

—removal.

Organization of the water board.

Section 52. The persons so chosen, together with the mayor of the city and his successors for the time being, shall constitute the Bangor water board. The mayor and his successors shall, while in office, be ex-officio president of said board, having, however, only a casting vote. A majority of said persons thus elected shall, annually, as soon as may be after the choice of new members, organize by their choice of clerk of said board. He shall be a resident of Bangor, but not a member of said board, and shall give bond, to the approval of said board, for the faithful discharge of his duties. After the choice of a clerk, each year, they may proceed to choose a superintendent of the water works of said city, and to appoint such other officer or officers as they may deem necessary for the management of said water works. They may prescribe the duties of all the officers by them chosen or appointed, fix their terms of office, remove them at their discretion, and fix their compensation subject to the approval of the council.

—clerk.

—superintendent.

—duties of officers, how prescribed.

Powers and duties of water board.

Section 53. Said board shall have and exercise all the unexecuted powers vested in said city council by an act for supplying the city of Bangor with water, approved February twenty-two,

eighteen hundred seventy-five, and an act to amend the same, approved February eleven, eighteen hundred seventy-six, so far as the same can be legally delegated; and shall perform all the duties required of said city by said two acts, and by any ordinance or order of the city council touching said water works.

Said water board shall receive all the apparatus, tools, materials and property belonging to said city, and designed for or used in connection with said works. They shall have the entire charge, superintendence and oversight of all structures, works, arrangements and apparatus provided for, or used in aid of supplying said city with water. They may proceed to complete said works and fishway connected therewith, so far as the same can be done with money appropriated therefor; but in no case to expend money or to incur liabilities beyond the specific appropriation for such purpose.

Section 54. Said board shall make a schedule of all the apparatus, tools, materials and property received by them, and of all additions that shall from time to time be made to the same, and that are kept during the municipal year, and shall enter an inventory thereof in a book kept for that purpose; and on the first Monday of March, in each year, return a correct list thereof in their annual report to the city council.

—schedule
of property.

Section 55. Said board shall, in consultation with the chief engineer of the fire department, make all necessary arrangements for a sufficient supply of water for use at fires, in the most efficient and suitable manner; and they shall also in consultation with the mayor and council, arrange for such supply of water as may be required for operating any public fountain or ornamental public water works, or flushing and cleansing any public sewer or drain, or any other use clearly distinct from that of ordinary water takers.

—water
supply,
where ob-
tained.

And in order to account for the use of the water and power furnished to the various departments of the city, the said city shall annually appropriate for the use of the water department the sum of twelve thousand dollars, and the committee on finance shall annually add and include this sum in the list of each year's appropriations, which said sum of twelve thousand dollars, so each year appropriated, shall each year be placed in a sinking fund and which sinking fund shall be drawn upon only as occasion may require to retire outstanding and maturing notes or bonds issued by the city in aid of its water system.

—appropriation
for
water supply.

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—repairs and rates shall be made by board.

Section 56. If it shall at any time come to the knowledge of the chief engineer of the fire department, that any fire hydrant is out of order, or is inaccessible on account of snow, ice, or other obstruction, he shall forthwith notify the clerk of said water board, or the superintendent, of that fact, and said board shall immediately repair said hydrant or remove said obstruction. Said board shall have exclusive charge of the supplying of water to private water takers, and may make all necessary arrangements therefor; establishing all such regulations as may be deemed by them judicious, and amending, fixing and ordaining all schedules and tariffs of water rates that may be proper. All such regulations and water rates, with all alterations thereof, shall be reported to the city council for approval, and when so approved, shall have all the force of ordinances of the city, and may be enforced in like manner; but the use of water shall not be allowed to any person, persons or occupation free of charge.

Collection and payment to city treasurer of all rents and dues.

Section 57. Said board shall collect all rents and dues for water; and all rents and bills for the use of water, remaining due and unpaid for the space of thirty days after the same becomes due, shall be deposited with the city treasurer, to be by him collected according to law. All sums of money received by said water board for the use of water, or for the use or sale of any matter or thing held by them on account of said water works shall be paid weekly to the city treasurer and a receipt taken therefor, and the same shall be credited by him to the water department, to which use it shall be exclusively appropriated, and shall not be drawn out except on the mayor's order. The entire amount of prices, rents and tolls for water received of water takers, shall be annually set apart by the city treasurer to pay the interest on the Bangor water loan bonds, the expense of carrying on or running said works and repairing the same, and for the creation of a sinking fund to pay and extinguish said bonds of maturity.

—funds, how expended.

Payment of contracts and expenses.

Section 58. Said board shall once in each calendar month, previous to the last Friday thereof, meet and examine all bills and claims by them incurred on account of said water works; and all claims approved by them shall be certified by their clerk, and passed to the city council for allowance; and when allowed, and passed by the city council, shall be paid by the mayor's order on the city treasury, water department. A full statement of all contracts, obligations and pecuniary arrangements entered into by said water board, shall from time to time be seasonably deposited with the city treasurer. They shall keep a

record of their proceedings, and on or before the first Monday of March, June, September and December, in each year, make such report to the city council as may be required; and on or before the first Monday of March, in each year, make to said council a full report in detail, of all their official acts and doings, for the preceding year.

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—annual report.

Section 59. All books of said board shall always be open to the inspection of any member of the city council, and all their acts subject to review and correction by said council.

—books open to inspection.

Section 60. No member of said board, and no person acting under their appointment, shall be a party to any contract, bargain, or sale of material connected with the water supply or works, wherein said board, the city council, or any member thereof, shall be the other party; and all such contracts, bargains and agreements shall be utterly void as to said city. The members of said board shall receive no compensation for their services, and neither they, nor any officer chosen or appointed under their authority, shall demand or receive any gratuitous fee or reward for services from any person, in connection with his duty, unless the city council shall have previously fixed the compensation for special services to be rendered, and consented to the acceptance of the gratuity or reward offered.

—persons exempt from interest in contracts, etc.

—relating to compensation.

Section 61. Any person who shall injure any water hydrant connected with or belonging to the Bangor water works, or shall break and enter the same, or shall turn on or off the water in any pipe, or shall make any opening or connection with such pipe or hydrant, or remove cover of any hydrant, except in case of fire, without license or permit of said board, or by authority of the mayor and council, shall forfeit and pay for each offense not less than three nor more than twenty dollars, to be recovered in an action of debt in the name of the city treasurer, for the use of said city, or by complaint for the use of said city, before the municipal court, or any other court that may hereafter have jurisdiction of the same.

—penalty for injury to hydrants.

—fines, how disposed of.

ARTICLE IX

Section 62. (a) The fund of one hundred thousand dollars heretofore received from the trustees of the will of the late Samuel F. Hersey, in adjustment of his bequest to the city of Bangor, shall be forever held in trust by said city, in the manner and for the objects hereinafter provided.

Hersey Fund, shall be held in trust.

(b) The annual income of said fund is hereby unalterably fixed at four thousand dollars; to be perpetually administered as hereinafter provided, and to be paid by the city treasurer by

—annual income fixed.

CHAP. 216 the order of the mayor and city council, in equal quarterly payments on the first days of January, April, July and October of each year, forever to the trustees hereinafter provided. The charge of the fixed income for and in behalf of the city shall be committed to a board of trustees to be styled the "Trustees of the Hersey Fund," to be composed of the mayor and city treasurer ex-officio, who shall respectively act as president and clerk of said board and of three citizens of said city, to be selected in the following manner:

Trustees of the Hersey Fund, of whom composed.

At the first regular meeting of the city council in April next after the adoption of this charter at which a vacancy occurs in said board of trustees, and thereafter at the regular meeting of the city council in April, in alternate years biennially as the terms of office of the members of the present board shall expire, shall be elected by the city council, one person resident of said city to be a member of said board, to hold his office for the term of six years, and until another is elected and qualified in his stead; Provided, nevertheless, that the said trustees (not including the mayor and treasurer) in office at the time of the first election held under this charter, shall hold such office according to the terms of their election.

—election of.

—proviso.

—persons exempt from trusteeship.

—vacancies, how filled.

—removal.

—no compensation.

—net income, how expended.

No member of the city council shall be eligible to the office of a member of this board except the mayor, and the election to the city council of either of said three trustees shall create a vacancy in said board, and any vacancy arising in said board, shall, for the unexpired term be filled in the manner above provided by the city council.

Any member of said board may be removed by a majority vote of the city council.

The trustees shall be sworn to the faithful performance of their duties under the trust, and shall receive no compensation therefor.

(c) Said board shall devote the net annual income of said fund to the perpetual maintenance of the Bangor Public Library, as now existing and established under the authority of the city council and in pursuance with the following agreement entered into between the trustees of the Hersey Fund and the Bangor Mechanic Association, May twenty-first, eighteen hundred eighty-three, and ratified by the city council, June fifth, eighteen hundred eighty-three.

Memorandum of agreement.

Witnesseth:—Whereas, the said board of trustees, created by an ordinance of said city of Bangor, passed March thirteen, eighteen hundred eighty-three, entitled "An ordinance to provide for the administration of the Hersey Fund," are authorized by

section four of said ordinance to devote certain of 'the annual income of said fund to the establishment and perpetual maintenance of a public library in Bangor, either independently or in connection with some existing library;' and whereas, said Bangor Mechanic Association is willing to join said board of trustees in the establishment and perpetual maintenance of such public library.

Now, therefore, in consideration of the premises, and in order to establish and perpetually maintain such public library, the said Bangor Mechanic Association hereby agrees to transfer to the city of Bangor all the books now constituting the library of the Bangor Mechanic Association, to be held by the said city of Bangor in trust for a public library, to be used in common with such books as may be hereafter purchased by the income of the Hersey Fund, as provided in the aforesaid ordinance, for the purpose of a public library.

—transfer
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soc. to city
of Bangor.

And said Bangor Mechanic Association further agrees that all books which may hereafter be purchased by proceeds of funds now held in trust by said city of Bangor for said association shall be purchased under the direction of the board of managers hereinafter provided for, and shall be held and owned by said city of Bangor in trust in like manner as hereinbefore stated.

And in consideration of the premises it is further agreed by and between both of the parties hereto, that the books now constituting the library of the Bangor Mechanic Association and such books as shall be hereafter purchased by the proceeds of the funds of the said association and of the Hersey Fund, shall constitute a public library to the maintenance of which the income of the fund of the Bangor Mechanic Association and the income of the Hersey Fund shall be perpetually devoted, and which shall be exclusively and entirely under the control and direction of a board of managers consisting of the board of trustees of the Hersey Fund and of such officers of the Bangor Mechanic Association, not exceeding four in number, as said Mechanic Association may designate as members of said board of managers.

—books
shall be
used for
public.

And it is further agreed that the mayor of the city of Bangor, being ex-officio chairman of the Hersey Trustees, shall be also chairman of the board of managers of the public library. And the library established under the provisions of this agreement shall be perpetually known as the Bangor Public Library. It is also mutually agreed that this agreement shall take effect at the date of the acceptance by said city of Bangor of the con-

Mayor shall
be chairman
of board of
managers of
the public
library.

CHAP. 216 veyance by the Bangor Mechanic Association of the library and books hereinbefore provided for. And it is also agreed that no agreement entered into by the Bangor Mechanic Association for the current year shall be hereby impaired.

—annual report.

(d) The said board shall annually present to the city council, at the regular meeting in February, a report of their action under said trust with a specific statement of all receipts and disbursements on account of said income for the year then ending.

Library fund, annual appropriation for.

(e) For the purpose of maintaining a free public library and hereafter providing for the necessary expense of such maintenance, there shall be annually appropriated by the city council under the title of "Library Fund" a sum sufficient to meet the estimated current expense of maintaining such library for the benefit of the public; such appropriation to be in charge of and expended under the direction of the trustees of the Hersey Fund.

ARTICLE X

—officers may be recalled.

Section 63. Every incumbent of an elective office, whether elected by popular vote or appointed to fill a vacancy, is subject to recall by the voters of the city. The procedure to effect such removal from office shall be as follows:

—procedure of recall.

A petition signed by voters of the city equal in number to twenty per centum of the entire first-choice votes cast for mayor at the last preceding general municipal election at which a mayor was elected, demanding an election of a successor of the officer sought to be removed, shall be addressed to the council and presented to the city clerk. The petition may request such election to be held at a special municipal election or at the next general municipal election. The petition must contain a statement of the reasons for the demand.

Forms and conditions.

The provisions of sections eight to nineteen respecting the forms and conditions of the petition and the mode of verification and certification and filing shall be substantially followed, with such modifications as the nature of the case requires.

—if officers shall not resign.

If the officer whose removal is sought shall not resign within five days after the petition is filed by the city clerk, and if the petition requests a special election, the council shall cause a special election to be held within forty-five days to determine whether the people will recall said officer, or, if a general municipal election is to occur within sixty days, the council may in its discretion postpone the holding of such election to such general municipal election.

In the published call for the election there shall be printed in not more than two hundred words the reasons for demanding the recall of the officer as set forth in the recall petition, and in not more than two hundred words the officer may justify his course in office.

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—reasons for recall shall be published.

The officer whose removal is sought shall be deemed a candidate and unless he resigns, his name shall be printed on the ballot. The nomination of other candidates and the election shall be in accordance with the provisions of sections eight to twenty-seven.

—officer, recalled, shall be a candidate to be voted for.
—other candidates.

The officer whose removal is sought shall, if he does not resign, continue to perform the duties of his office until the election, and, if he fail of election, he shall be deemed removed from office.

—shall hold office until removed by new election.

No recall petition shall be filed against any officer until he has actually held his office for at least three months.

—shall hold office for three months before recall.

No person who has been recalled from an elective office, or who has resigned from such office while recall proceedings were pending against him, shall be appointed to any office within one year after such recall or resignation.

—shall not be re-appointed within one year.

The council may by ordinance make such further regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this section, and to adopt the provisions of sections eight to twenty-seven thereto.

—further regulations.

ARTICLE XI

Section 64. A petition, meeting the requirements hereinafter provided and requesting the city council to pass an ordinance, resolution, order or vote, all of these four terms being hereinafter included in the term "measure," therein set forth or designated, shall be termed an initiative petition, and shall be acted upon as hereinafter provided.

Initiative and referendum.

Section 65. Signatures to initiative petitions need not all be on one paper, but one of the signers of every such paper shall make an affidavit thereto that the statements therein contained are true, and that each signature appended to the paper is the genuine signature of the person whose name it purports to be. All such papers pertaining to any one measure shall be fastened together and shall be filed in the office of the city clerk as one instrument, with the indorsements thereon of the names and addresses of three persons designated as filing the same. With each signature to said petition shall be stated the place of residence of the signer, giving the street and number.

Signature, examination and certification of initiative petition.

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—city clerk shall examine petitions.

—transmit measure to council.

Twenty-five per cent. of voters may secure prompt adoption of their measure or a reference to a special election.

—special election called by city council.

—proviso.

Five per cent. of voters may secure prompt adoption of their measure or a reference to the next election.

Ten per cent. may secure a referendum on measure.

Within five days after the filing of said petition the city clerk shall ascertain, by examination thereof and of the registration books and election returns, by what number of qualified voters the petition is signed and what percentage that number is of the last preceding vote cast in the city for all candidates for Governor of the State, and shall attach thereto his certificate showing the result of such examination.

He shall then forthwith transmit the measure with the said certificate to the city council, and at the same time shall send a copy of said certificate to one or more of the persons designated on the petition as filing the same.

Section 66. If an initiative petition be signed by voters of the city equal in number to at least twenty-five per cent. of the last preceding vote cast in the city for all candidates for Governor of the State, the city council shall, within twenty days after the date of the clerk's certificate to that effect, either—

(a) Pass said measure without alteration, subject to the referendum vote provided by this act; or,

(b) The city council shall call a special election to be held on a Monday fixed by it not less than fifteen nor more than thirty days after the date of the city clerk's certificate that a sufficient petition has been filed, and shall submit the proposed measure without alteration to a vote of the voters of the city at that election: Provided, however, that if any municipal election is otherwise to occur within ninety days after the date of said certificate, the city council may at its discretion omit the special election and submit the proposed measure to the voters at such other previously pending election.

Section 67. If an initiative petition be signed by voters of the city equal in number to at least five per cent. but less than twenty-five per cent. of the last preceding vote cast in the city for all candidates for Governor of the State, as shown in the manner hereinbefore provided, and said proposed measure be not passed without alteration by the city council, within twenty days, as provided in section sixty-six of this act, then such proposed measure, without alteration, shall be submitted by the city council to a vote of the voters of the city at the next municipal election.

Section 68. If, within ten days after the final passage of any measure by the city council, a petition signed by voters of the city equal in number to at least ten per cent. of the last preceding vote cast in the city for Governor of the State, be presented to the city council, protesting against such measure or any part thereof taking effect, the same shall thereupon and

thereby be suspended from taking effect; and the city council shall immediately reconsider such measure or part thereof, and if such measure or part thereof be not entirely repealed or rescinded, the city council shall submit the same by the method herein provided, to a vote of the voters of the city, either at the next general municipal election or at a special election which may, in their discretion, be called by them for that purpose, and such measure or part thereof shall forthwith become null and void unless a majority of the voters voting on the same at such election shall vote in favor thereof.

The petition provided for in this section shall be termed a referendum petition.

The procedure in respect to such referendum petition shall be the same as that provided in section sixty-four of this act; except that the words "measure or part thereof protested against" shall for this purpose be understood to replace the word "measure" in that section wherever it may occur, and that similarly the word "referendum" shall be understood to replace the word "initiative" in that section.

—procedure for referendum petition.

Section 69. The city council may, of its own motion and shall, upon request of the school committee, the water board or library trustees in case of a measure originating with those committees and pertaining to the affairs under their administration, submit to a vote of the voters of the city for adoption or rejection at a general or special municipal election, any proposed measure, or a proposition for the repeal or amendment of any measure, in the same manner and with the same force and effect as are herein provided for submission on petition.

Council may order referendum of its own motion or upon request of the school committee, the water board or library trustees.

Section 70. If two or more proposed measures passed at the same election are in conflict in respect of any of their provisions, they shall go into effect in respect of such of their provisions as are not in conflict. In each case of conflicting provisions in such measures, that one of the provisions in conflict shall take effect which was contained in that one of such measures which received the greatest number of affirmative votes, and all others of such conflicting provisions shall be void.

Conflicting measures, how dealt with.

Section 71. The enacting clause of any measure adopted by the voters of the city upon proposal by initiative petition, shall be, "Be it ordained by the people of the city of Bangor;" and of any measure passed by the city council and approved upon referendum shall be, "Be it ordained by the city council of the city of Bangor and by the people thereof upon referendum;"

Enacting clauses for measures voted upon by the people.

CHAP. 216 and of any measure referred to the people of the city council of its own motion, or upon request of the school committee, or water board or library trustees, as provided in section sixty-nine of this act, shall be, "Be it ordained by the people of the city of Bangor upon referendum by the city council thereof;" Provided, that for the word "ordained" shall be substituted the word "resolved," or the word "ordered," respectively, if the measure is a resolution or an order, and for the words, "Be it ordained" shall be substituted the word "Voted" if the measure is a vote.

—proviso.

—sample ballots sent to voters.

Substance of measures on ballots.

Section 72. The city clerk shall print and distribute to each voter a sample ballot together with the text of every measure to be submitted to a vote of the voters of the city.

Section 73. The ballots used when voting upon such proposed measure shall state the nature of the measure in terms sufficient to show the substance thereof. If a majority of the voters voting on any proposed measure, which has been duly submitted to them as herein provided and which falls within the lawful rights and powers of the city, shall vote in favor thereof, the same shall thereupon go into effect.

—other provisions.

Provision shall be made on each ballot for voting upon all proposed measures submitted at that election.

—information and arguments upon measures supplied to voters.

Section 74. Provisions not in conflict herewith shall be made by ordinance for supplying the voters with information and arguments pro and con upon measures submitted to a vote of the voters of the city and for carrying out the purpose of sections sixty-four to seventy-four inclusive, of this act.

ARTICLE XII

Municipal year, when to begin.

Section 75. The municipal year shall begin at ten o'clock in the forenoon on the first Monday of April, and shall continue until ten o'clock in the forenoon on the first Monday of April next following.

—wards, how divided into.

Section 76. The territory of the city shall continue to be divided into seven wards, which shall retain their present boundaries until the same shall be changed by vote of the city council under the general law relating thereto.

General meetings of voters, how called.

Section 77. General meetings of the voters of the city shall be called by the city council upon petition of at least thirty of the said voters, which petition shall state the purpose or purposes of the meeting. The meeting shall be held not later than three weeks after the filing of the petition, and notice thereof shall be given by the city council on the front page of one or

more newspapers published in the city, not less than three times within two weeks after the filing of the petition. A presiding officer shall be chosen for the meeting from those present and the city clerk shall act as the clerk thereof and shall keep complete records of the proceedings. If so requested in said petition, or demanded at said meeting, any city officer or officers shall attend the meeting, and if called upon to do so shall place before the meeting any facts, documents or other information relative to the subject matter of the petition.

Section 78. The city of Bangor shall have the right and power to acquire by purchase, condemnation or otherwise, and to establish, maintain, equip, own and operate water works, electric light, heat and power works, within the city, and to supply the city and its inhabitants and also persons, firms and corporations outside the city, with water, gas and electricity.

To sell gas, water, electric current and all products of any public utility operated by the city.

To acquire by purchase, condemnation or otherwise, within the city, such lands or other property as may be necessary for the establishment, maintenance and operation of any of the above named public utilities or to provide for and effectuate any other public purpose for which municipalities may condemn land under the general law.

Section 79. This charter shall take effect upon its enactment, for the annual municipal election to be held next following the enactment of said charter for all things that pertain to said election, which said election shall be held upon the third Monday of March, and it shall go into full force and effect at ten o'clock in the forenoon of the first Monday in April next following said annual election, and the present form of government shall thereupon cease and terminate, except that the appointees of the mayor and city council and all other persons in the service of the city at that time shall continue to draw compensation at the same rate, and to exercise like powers, authority and jurisdiction as theretofore, until replaced or until other provision is made.

Section 80. It shall be the duty of the mayor, the aldermen and common council, and the city clerk in office when this charter is enacted, to comply with all the requirements of this act relating to elections, to the end that all things may be done necessary to the nomination and election of officers first to be elected under this act.

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Municipal
Ownership.

Charter,
when to
take effect.

Carrying
out require-
ments of
this act.

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—inconsistent acts repealed.
—proviso.

Section 81. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed; provided, however, that such repeal shall not affect any act done, or any right accruing or accrued or established, or any suit or proceeding had or begun in any civil case before the time when such repeal takes effect, and that no offenses committed and no penalty or forfeitures incurred under the acts or parts of acts hereby repealed shall be affected by such repeal; and provided, also, that all persons who at the time said repeal takes effect shall hold any office under said acts shall continue to hold the same according to the tenure thereof, except as is otherwise provided herein, and provided, also, that all by-laws and ordinances of the city of Bangor in force at the time when said repeal takes effect, and not inconsistent with the provisions of this act, shall continue in force until the same are repealed or amended, and all officers elected under such by-laws and ordinances shall continue in office according to the tenure thereof.

—proviso.

Amendments to charter, how made.

Section 82. If a petition signed by the number of voters of said city, equal to at least twenty-five per cent. of the aggregate number of first-choice votes cast for all candidates for mayor at the last preceding annual city election at which a mayor was elected, and proposing one or more amendments to this charter, shall be filed with the city clerk not less than thirty days prior to the third Monday in March, the municipal council shall submit said amendment or amendments without alteration, at the next regular annual election, to the voters of the city. The votes upon such amendment or amendments shall be taken by ballot in answer to the question: "Shall the amendment or amendments (stating the amendment or amendments), be adopted?" which shall be printed on the ballots after the list of candidates. If a majority of the voters voting on the proposed amendment shall vote in favor thereof, it shall become a part hereof, when approved by the next succeeding Legislature.

—may vote on any number of amendments at the same time.

Any number of amendments may be voted on at the same election, and amendments may be proposed by the municipal council, without petition, on its own initiative, and filed as above, whenever it deems such amendments wise or necessary.

—shall take effect upon majority vote.

Section 83. This act shall take effect when accepted by a majority of the votes cast at a special election called by the municipal officers of the city of Bangor on petition of twenty-five legal voters of said city for the purpose of accepting or rejecting

said charter, said election to be called at least thirty days before the second Tuesday of September, nineteen hundred fifteen, and held on said second Tuesday of September, nineteen hundred fifteen.

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Approved April 3, 1915.

Chapter 217.

An Act to Appropriate Moneys for the Expenditures of the Government for the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred Fifteen.

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

Section 1. In order to provide for the several Acts and Resolves of the Legislature requiring the payment of money from the State Treasury, and also to provide in part for the necessary expenditures of government for the current fiscal year one thousand nine hundred fifteen, the following sums are hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the State Treasury, and, except where otherwise specially provided, the Governor with the advice and consent of the Council is hereby authorized at any time prior to the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred sixteen, to draw his warrant on the State Treasurer for the same.

Expenditures of the government for 1915 provided for.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.

For arrest and apprehension of criminals, as provided by chapter seventy-nine, sections sixty-two and sixty-three, Revised Statutes, and chapter one hundred thirty-nine, sections seven and eight, Revised Statutes, one thousand dollars..	\$1,000 00
For Alfred Yankauer, as provided by chapter one hundred sixty-eight, Resolves of nineteen hundred fifteen, one hundred fifteen dollars and ninety-nine cents	115 99

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.

For historical records of Maine men serving in the United States Navy, during the War of the Rebellion, eighteen hundred sixty-one to eighteen hundred sixty-five, as provided for by chapter one hundred seventy-three, Resolves of nineteen hundred fifteen, one thousand dollars....	1,000 00
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