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Chapter 69.

An Act to Extend and Amend the Charter of the Eastern Maine Railroad.

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

Sec. 1. Charter extended. The rights, powers and privileges of the Eastern Maine Railroad, which were granted by chapter one hundred eighty-eight of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred eleven, and extended and amended by chapter eighty-six of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred thirteen, and which were further extended by chapter three of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred fifteen, are hereby extended for two years additional, and the persons named in said act and their associates and successors shall have the rights, powers and privileges that were granted to them by said act and the amendments thereof, to be exercised by them for the same purposes as specified in said act and the amendments thereof.

Sec. 2. Extension of lines authorized. Said railroad is hereby authorized, upon compliance with section six of chapter fifty-six of the revised statutes, so far as applicable to this act, to extend its lines from some point on its present location in Orient, or in Weston, in a general easterly or northeasterly direction, to the eastern boundary of the state, with all the rights and privileges so far as this extension is concerned, and subject to all the conditions, provisions and limitations contained in the original act, under which this road was incorporated, and amendments thereto.

Sec. 3. Special proviso. All rights herein granted are on the express condition that said Eastern Maine Railroad shall, on or before the expiration of two years, have graded, ready for rails and sleepers, at least thirty miles of its road-bed, and if this condition is not complied with, this act shall not confer any further rights after said two years.

Sec. 4. Existing statutes continued in force. Nothing herein contained is intended to repeal or shall be construed as repealing the whole or any part of any existing statute. And all the rights and duties herein mentioned shall be exercised and performed in accordance with all the applicable provisions of chapter fifty-five of the revised statutes.

Approved March 19, 1917.

Chapter 70.

An Act to Amend Chapter Four Hundred Sixteen of the Private and Special Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Seven, Relating to the Schools of the City of Augusta.

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

P. & S. L., 1907, c. 416, § 4, amended. Section four of said chapter is hereby amended by striking out all of said section after the word "tax" in the fortieth line thereof and adding instead the following: 'A special meet-

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ing may be called at any time in the manner hereinbefore prescribed, when in the opinion of the chairman of the board, expressed in his written request to the mayor, the welfare of the public schools demands it. At any meeting authorized by this section the electors present may by vote borrow money for the building and reconstruction of school houses and the purchase of lots therefor,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

Sec. 4. Special meeting; how called. On the second Monday of May at half past seven o'clock in the evening, annually, commencing with the year nineteen hundred and eight, a general meeting of the citizens of said city, qualified to vote at municipal elections therein, and without regard to their political affiliations, shall be convened in the city hall of said city. Such meeting shall be called in the manner prescribed for calling ward meetings in section two of this act, except that there shall be but one original warrant, true and attested copies whereof shall be posted by the city marshal or any constable of said city at least seven days before the day of the meeting, and in at least two public and conspicuous places in each ward. The marshal or said constable shall deliver the original warrant, with a return of his doings thereon, to the moderator of said meeting when elected, and the secretary of the meeting shall make a record thereof. The chairman of the board if present, or in his absence any member of the board, or if no such member is present any citizen qualified to vote at municipal elections in said city may call the meeting to order and preside until the election of a moderator. The meeting shall immediately proceed, by ballot or otherwise, to the choice of a moderator and a secretary. The moderator shall preside with the power of moderators of town meetings, and together with the secretary shall be duly sworn by any justice of the peace of said city. A record of such oaths shall be made by the secretary. At such meeting the board of education shall submit a printed report, the edition whereof shall consist of not less than fifteen hundred copies, of the affairs and condition of the city schools for the year ending on the first day of April next preceding the meeting, together with an estimate of the amount needed for school purposes for the current year. The said electors present shall have power to raise by vote for the support of the public schools in said city, for the current year ending on the first day of April, such sum, not less than the amount required by the general laws of the state, as they may deem necessary for that purpose. The secretary shall forthwith, or within the time prescribed by the meeting, certify the amount thereof to the assessors of said city, and it shall be included with, and assessed like other city taxes, and all the provisions of law relating to the assessment and collection of taxes shall be applicable to such tax. A special meeting may be called at any time in the manner hereinbefore described, when in the opinion of the chairman of the board, expressed in his written request to the mayor, the welfare of the public schools demands it. At any meeting authorized by this section the electors present may by vote borrow money for the building and reconstruction of school houses and the purchase of lots therefor.'

Approved March 22, 1917.