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Chapter 161.

An Act Relating to the Department of Electrical Appliances of the City of Portland.

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

Sec. 1. Tenure of office of employees; future appointments; suspension.

All employees of the department of electrical appliances of the city of Portland including the city electrician, shall be continued in the service of said department without reappointment, unless removed for inefficiency or other cause, or retired upon arrival at the age limit of sixty (60) years; and all future appointments of employees of the department of electrical appliances of the said city of Portland, except the city electrician, shall be made by the city electrician by and with the advice and consent of the committee on electrical appliances of said city of Portland. All employees of the department of electrical appliances of the city of Portland, except the city electrician, continued in service, or hereafter appointed under the provisions of this Act, shall hold their respective positions during good behavior, subject, however, after a hearing, to removal at any time by the city electrician, by and with the advice and consent of the said committee on electrical appliances for inefficiency or other cause. The city electrician may for cause suspend any employee of said department from duty, such suspension shall continue in force until the next meeting of the committee on electrical appliances, provided said meeting is held within seven (7) days from the date of such suspension.

Sec. 2. Removal. Notice of such hearing before the committee on electrical appliances, for removal for inefficiency or other cause, shall be in writing and served in hand upon such employee at least forty-eight (48) hours before the time of hearing.

Sec. 3. Eligibility of employees. No person, except the city electrician, shall hereafter be appointed as an employee of said department of electrical appliances of the city of Portland, unless such person shall have had a continued residence in the city of Portland for at least one (1) year before such appointment, and is a qualified elector of said city.

Sec. 4. Retirement on pension. The city council of the city of Portland is hereby authorized and empowered to provide by ordinance for the retirement, upon a pension not exceeding half pay, of any employee of the department of electrical appliances of the city of Portland, except the city electrician, who, having served not less than twenty (20) years in said department, and having arrived at the age of sixty (60) years, shall have been honorably discharged, or who has become permanently disabled through bodily injuries sustained while in the discharge of his duty, or consequent therefrom.

Sec. 5. City electrician, how chosen, tenure, compensation, removal. The city council of the city of Portland may elect a city electrician when a vacancy occurs in said office and may define his duties by ordinance and fix his compensation; the term of office of the city electrician elected as herein provided shall be during good behavior and he may be removed for

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inefficiency or other cause at any time by the mayor, by and with the consent of the board of aldermen.

Sec. 6. P. & S. L., 1909, c. 369 and inconsistent statutes, repealed. Chapter three hundred sixty-nine of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred nine and all ordinances of the city of Portland inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved April 3, 1917.

Chapter 162.

An Act to Provide for Card Index for Probate Registry of Aroostook County.

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

Card index of papers and books in probate office, Aroostook County. The county commissioners of Aroostook county, together with the register of probate for said county, are hereby authorized to make a card index of all papers and books in the probate office of said county, the cost of such index to be paid for by the county.

Approved April 3, 1917.

Chapter 163.

An Act to Amend Chapter Four Hundred and Fifty-two of the Private and Special Laws of Eighteen Hundred and Ninety-seven, Relating to the Trustees of the Fund for the Support of the Episcopate of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Maine.

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

P. & S. L., 1897, c. 452, § 1, par. two, amended. Paragraph two of section one of chapter four hundred and fifty-two of the private and special laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, relating to the trustees of the fund for the support of the Episcopate of the Protestant Episcopal church in the diocese of Maine, is hereby amended by striking out the word "two" in the fourth line of said section, and inserting in place thereof the word 'five', so that said paragraph as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 1. Amount of real and personal estate that may be held increased to \$500,000. The trustees of the diocesan funds in the diocese of Maine shall have power to take and hold real and personal estate contributed for parochial endowments or other church purposes, to the amount of five hundred thousand dollars, and to manage and dispose of the same in accordance with the terms of the several gifts, grants, or endowments, and said trustees shall keep an account with each endowment or gift comprising said fund, and report their doings in managing the same and the condition thereof, to the convention of the diocese annually.'

Approved April 3, 1917.