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dental thereto. Said bonds may be of the date and denomination and payable at such times and places, and bear such rate of interest, as the inhabitants of said Van Buren Light and Power District may determine or authorize their trustees to determine, by vote passed at any legal meeting of said inhabitants called for said purpose and containing an article in the warrant for that purpose.

Sec. 11. Emergency clause. This act, two-thirds of all the members elected to each house so directing, shall take effect when approved by the governor.

Approved April 6, 1917.

Chapter 183.

An Act to Create a Volunteer Police Reserve Force for the City of Portland.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the present conditions of national affairs may induce wanton attempts to injure or destroy docks, elevators, railroad stations and property, public buildings and other buildings by fire, explosions, or other methods in the city of Portland to the injury of said city and its people, and

Whereas, the present police department of said city is not large enough in numbers or discipline to properly preserve the lives and property of its citizens and provide for the peace and safety of said city in time of war, now therefore

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

Sec. 1. Special reserve police force; duties and compensation. The mayor of the city of Portland, with the advice and consent of the aldermen of said city, is authorized to appoint, from time to time, such number of persons as they shall deem expedient to constitute a special reserve police force which shall be known as the "Volunteer Police Reserve of the City of Portland." Said reserve police force may be called by the mayor, with the advice and consent of the aldermen, to act temporarily as police officers of said city, in cases of emergency and public danger, and shall serve in connection with, under the rules and regulations of, and with the powers of, the regular police force of the city of Portland, so far as applicable, and shall obey all orders of the mayor of said city, and when employed, shall receive such compensation as the city council may determine.

Sec. 2. Certain sections of P. & S. L., 1885, c. 486, not applicable; tenure of office of reserve police. The provisions of sections one to four inclusive, of chapter four hundred and eighty-six of the private and special laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-five, and acts additional thereto and amendatory thereof, entitled "An Act Regulating the Appointment of the Members of the Police Force of the City of Portland," shall not be applicable to appointments in said volunteer police reserve. Persons appoint-

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ed as members of said police reserve force shall serve during the pleasure of the mayor and aldermen.

Sec. 3. Injuries to reserve police. Any member of said police reserve who may be injured while on police duty shall be entitled to the benefits of "The Workmen's Compensation Act."

Sec. 4. Organization. The mayor, with the advice and consent of the aldermen, may appoint necessary captains and other commanding officers for said police reserve, below the rank of chief of police. Any member of the regular police force who may be appointed to act as an officer in said reserve shall retain his position on the regular force.

Sec. 5. Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.

Approved April 6, 1917.

Chapter 184.

An Act to Amend the Charter of the City of Hallowell.

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

Sec. 1. Election to be held in December instead of in March; tenure of office; provisos. The municipal election for the choice of mayor, aldermen, city constables, and such other officers as may hereafter be elected at large, of the city of Hallowell, and of wardens and ward clerks of the several wards in said city, shall be held on the second Monday of December, annually, beginning with the year nineteen hundred seventeen, instead of on the first Monday of March. Said officers chosen at any annual election and all subordinate officers or agents for the city now elected or appointed for a term of one year (not including the city marshal and street commissioner) shall hold their offices one year from the first Monday of January next following said election, and until others shall be elected or appointed and qualified in their places, subject to removal as now provided by the charter and ordinances of said city; except that those chosen at the election held on the first Monday of March in the year nineteen hundred seventeen and said subordinate officers or agents shall hold their offices from the second Monday of March in the year nineteen hundred seventeen until the second Monday of March in the year nineteen hundred eighteen, and until their successors are elected or appointed and qualified in their places; provided, however, that if section two of this act shall be accepted, as hereinafter provided, by the electors of said city, then the municipal election shall be held biennially, instead of annually, beginning with the second Monday of December in the year nineteen hundred seventeen, and the aforesaid officers chosen at any biennial election and said subordinate officers or agents shall hold their offices two years from the first Monday of January next following said biennial election, and until their successors are elected or appointed and qualified in their places, subject to removal as aforesaid; except that those chosen at the election held on the first Monday