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hereby authorized to appoint a commission consisting of three citizens of Portland, of whom the present mayor shall be one, to whose supervision and execution shall be committed the designs, details, requirements and erection of either a new high school building, in the Deering district, so-called, or an addition to the present high school building, as the city council shall direct. Each member of said commission shall serve without pay, and the two members, other than the mayor, shall be elected by the city council upon nomination by the mayor to serve until said new building, or addition shall be completed; and any vacancies arising from resignation or otherwise shall be filled in same manner. Any succeeding mayor shall also be ex-officio a member of said commission.

Sec. 2. Powers and duties of commission. Said commission may call and receive bids and proposals for erecting said building, and in the name and on behalf of the city execute such contracts therefor, as the city council shall authorize, and shall see that the same are faithfully and promptly performed. Money appropriated by said city council for erecting said building shall be paid out only on the written approval of said commission, or a majority thereof; and a report of its work and expenditure shall be made at such times as the city council may require.

Approved March 19, 1919.

Chapter 73.

An Act to Amend Chapter Two Hundred and Fifteen of the Public Laws of Eighteen Hundred and Sixty-seven, Entitled "An Act to Incorporate the City of Saco."

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

Sec. 1. Common council abolished. The common council created by the act to incorporate the city of Saco is hereby abolished, and the city council shall hereafter be composed of the mayor and seven aldermen, one to be chosen from each ward, who are hereby authorized and empowered to do all the things which the city council of Saco has been heretofore authorized to do in the city of Saco.

Sec. 2. Compensation of mayor and aldermen. The mayor of said Saco shall have an annual salary of one thousand dollars, and the aldermen of said city shall be paid three dollars for every meeting of the city council which they attend, excepting those meetings at which a fee is now paid.

Sec. 3. Inconsistent acts repealed. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. Referendum; form of question. This act shall take effect and be in full force when the several provisions therein shall have been accepted

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by the legal voters of said city at the next election to be held in said city of Saco for any purpose. The vote shall be taken by ballot at said election in answer to the following questions:

First. Shall the common council of the city of Saco be abolished and the city council hereafter be composed of the mayor and seven aldermen, one from each ward?

Second. Shall the mayor of said city of Saco be paid annually the sum of one thousand dollars and the aldermen of said city be paid three dollars for every meeting which they attend?

These questions shall be printed on the official ballots of said meeting of the voters of said city and each shall be voted upon separately. There shall be appropriate squares marked "yes" and "no", respectively, placed conveniently over each question and all persons voting in favor of either or both of said questions shall mark a cross in the square marked "yes", and those opposed to either or both questions shall mark a cross in the square marked "no". If a majority of the ballots received are in favor of accepting either or both of said provisions, then the same shall become law and take effect as to those provisions which shall have a majority in favor of them, and it shall be the duty of the city clerk of said city to spread at large all the proceedings and results thereof, on the records of the city and such records shall be conclusive evidence that this act has been accepted or rejected, as the case may be.

Approved March 19, 1919.

Chapter 74.

An Act to Amend the Charter of the City of Calais Providing for Biennial Elections.
Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Sec. 1. Elections to be held biennially instead of annually. The municipal election for the choice of mayor, aldermen, constables of the city of Calais and wardens and ward clerks of the several wards in said city shall be held once in two years instead of annually beginning with the year nineteen hundred and twenty-one and all officers chosen by vote of the electors shall, beginning with the year nineteen hundred and twenty-one, hold office for a term of two years. Any officer chosen at a special election to fill a vacancy shall hold his office during the unexpired term and until his successor is elected and qualified in his place.

Sec. 2. Referendum provision; form of question; how ballots shall be made up, etc. Section one of this act shall take effect only when accepted, as hereinafter provided, by the electors of said city qualified to vote in