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# Acts and Resolves

As Passed by the

## Seventy-Ninth Legislature

OF THE

## STATE OF MAINE

AT THE

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**Chapter 116.**

An Act to Correct a Clerical Error in Chapter Sixty of the Private and Special Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Nineteen, being An Act Entitled "An Act to Amend An Act Entitled 'An Act to Incorporate the City of Old Town,'" and to Validate the Doings of Old Town and the Acts of its Street Board.

**Emergency preamble.** Whereas the legislature of nineteen hundred and nineteen by chapter sixty of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred and nineteen amended the city charter of the city of Old Town authorizing said city to elect a street board all as is fully set forth in said act and whereas it was intended that said act should become effective March nineteen hundred and nineteen, and whereas through error was made effective March nineteen hundred and twenty, and whereas said city of Old Town assuming that said act was effective in March nineteen hundred and nineteen and not knowing to the contrary, elected a street board consisting of three members and whereas said street board was organized and the members elect thereof entered upon the discharge of their duties and made contracts and did various other acts, among the contracts being a contract for the construction of a bridge across the Stillwater branch of the Penobscot river and whereas said bridge is now in process of completion and whereas various other works of road construction are still going on under contracts made by said board and whereas unless the acts

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and doings of said city of Old Town and of said street board are validated and confirmed by this legislature the city of Old Town would suffer great loss and damage and great injury will come to those people who have entered into contracts with said city of Old Town, now therefore it is declared that an emergency exists; therefore

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

**Sec. 1.** P. & S. L., 1891, c. 71, § 45, as enacted in c. 60, P. & S. L., 1919; relating to the election of a street board and a superintendent of streets for city of Old Town, amended. Section forty-five of the private and special laws of one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, as amended by chapter sixty of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred and nineteen is hereby further amended by striking out in the fifth line the word "twenty" and inserting in place thereof the word 'nineteen' and striking out all of the first sentence of said section after the word "qualify" in the seventh line and inserting in place thereof the words 'and thereafter biennially shall elect a member of said board who shall serve for a term of six years', so that said section shall read as follows:

**Sec. 45.** First board to be elected in 1919; subsequent elections to be biennially, one member being elected for six-year term. A street board consisting of three members to serve without pay shall be elected by the qualified voters of the city of Old Town at the March election, one thousand nine hundred and nineteen, one for two years, one for four years and one for six years and until their successors are elected and qualified, and thereafter shall biennially elect a member of said board who shall serve for a period of six years. They shall choose one of their members as chairman of the board and shall have all the powers and perform all the duties of surveyors of highways and road commissioners of towns and shall have general oversight and care of the streets and sidewalks of Old Town, make all contracts for labor, machinery, equipment and material and have general care of the property of the street department; said board shall engage a competent person to superintend the construction and repairs of streets under their direction, fix his compensation, discharge him and engage another at will. Any vacancy occurring in said board shall be filled by the mayor by appointment until the next election after said vacancy occurs when it shall be filled by the legal voters. The person elected to fill said vacancy shall be elected to fill the unexpired portion of the original term thereof.'

**Sec. 2.** Election of 1919 and doings of officials acting by reason of said election made valid. The acts and doings of said city of Old Town at its March election for the year one thousand nine hundred and nineteen whereby said city elected the street board provided for in said act is hereby

validated and made binding as though the words "one thousand nine hundred and nineteen" had been contained in said act instead of the words "one thousand nine hundred and twenty" and that the election of members of street board and all contracts, acts and doings of said board are hereby validated and confirmed.

**Sec. 3. Emergency clause.** By reason of said emergency this act will take effect when approved.

Approved November 7, 1919.

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## Chapter 117.

An Act to Incorporate the Portland State Pier Site District.

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

**Sec. 1. Territorial limits and denomination.** The territory and people included within the limits of the city of Portland, and the city of South Portland, shall constitute a body corporate and politic under the name of The Portland State Pier Site District.

**Sec. 2. Officers of district to be known as Pier Site Commissioners; organization, powers and duties.** The officers of said district shall be known as the Pier Site Commissioners and shall consist of the mayor and treasurer of the city of Portland and the mayor and treasurer of the city of South Portland and the member ex-officio of the board of directors of the port of Portland who shall have been appointed and designated by the mayor of the city of Portland or his successors in office, until the purposes of this act are fully accomplished, all of whom shall serve without pay, except as herein provided. The terms of office of said commissioners shall be co-terminous with their terms of office respectively as such mayors, treasurers and Directors of the Port of Portland, and their qualification to their respective offices as aforesaid shall also qualify them as officers of said Portland State Pier Site District. The said commissioners shall organize as soon as convenient after the passage of this act. The commissioners shall elect from their own number a president of the board, a treasurer and clerk of the district, and each shall perform the duties usually devolving upon such officers. The clerk shall keep a record of all meetings of said commissioners which shall be public records.

**Sec. 3. District may acquire property for site; commissioners may employ necessary assistance.** Upon requisition therefor in writing being made by the Directors of the Port of Portland, the Portland State Pier Site District may take or acquire by purchase or otherwise such real property and such rights and easements therein as the Directors of said Port