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personal, by said Home for Aged Couples and Old Men to said Old Folks Home, in Bath, in connection with or ancillary to said consolidation and merger, are hereby ratified, confirmed and made valid.

Approved March 1, 1921.

Chapter 6.

An Act to Make Legal and Valid the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Crawford, in the County of Washington, Held March Twenty-ninth, Nineteen Hundred and Twenty.

Emergency preamble. Whereas it is necessary to enforce the collection of taxes assessed in the town of Crawford, in the county of Washington, for the municipal year of nineteen hundred and twenty and nineteen hundred and twenty-one in order to provide funds to carry on the business affairs of said town, and whereas these facts render the passage of this act immediately necessary for the preservation of the public health, peace and safety, and constitute an emergency within the meaning of the constitution, now therefore,

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

Sec. 1. Crawford town meeting of March 29, 1920 made valid. All the proceedings, acts and doings of the inhabitants of the town of Crawford, in the county of Washington, at the annual town meeting held in said town on Monday, March twenty-nine, nineteen hundred and twenty, are hereby confirmed, legalized and made valid.

Sec. 2. Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble this act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 1, 1921.

Chapter 7.

An Act Creating the West Paris Village Corporation.

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

Sec. 1. Territorial boundaries and corporate name. So much of the territory of the town of Paris, in the county of Oxford, as is bounded and is described as follows, viz.: All of double lots numbered twenty-seven and twenty-eight in the third range in said town of Paris; also all of double lots numbered twenty-seven and twenty-eight in the second range of lots in said town of Paris which is bounded northwest by land of Fred R. Penley and his easterly line produced to land of the Grand Trunk Railway; north-erly by land of said railway; easterly by the range line between lots numbered twenty-seven and twenty-eight in the second and third ranges in

said town; southerly by the lot line between lots numbered twenty-six and twenty-seven; and southwesterly by the old and partially discontinued road leading from High Street to Greenwood, and comprising the territory upon which is situated West Paris Village, so-called, together with the inhabitants residing thereon, be and the same is hereby created a body politic and corporate by the name of the West Paris Village Corporation.

Sec. 2. May raise money for fire department, street lights, police, support of library and for salaries and other expenses. Said corporation is hereby invested with power at any legal meeting called for the purpose, to raise such sums of money as may be sufficient for the purchase, repair and preservation of one or more fire engines, engine houses, hose, buckets, ladders, or other apparatus for the extinguishment of fire, for the extension of the present hydrant system, and for organizing and maintaining within the limits of said territory an efficient fire department; also lighting its streets, maintaining a police force, and for the support of a library within the limits of said corporation; and for officers' salaries and expenses and such other current expenses as this act calls for.

Sec. 3. May assess taxes; poll tax not to exceed one dollar. Any money raised by said corporation for the purposes aforesaid, shall be assessed upon the property and polls within the aforesaid territory, by the assessors of said corporation, in the same manner as is provided by law for the assessment of county and town taxes; and said assessors may abate any tax by them so assessed, the tax on polls shall not exceed, at any one assessment, the sum of one dollar to any one person in any one year.

Sec. 4. Assessment and collection of taxes. Upon a certificate being filed with the assessors of said corporation by the clerk thereof, of the amount of money raised at any meeting for the purposes aforesaid, it shall be the duty of said assessors, as soon as may be, to assess said amount upon the estates and polls of persons residing on the territory aforesaid, and upon the estates of non-resident proprietors thereof, and the assessors shall certify and deliver to the treasurer or collector of said corporation, whose duty it shall be to collect the same in like manner as county and town taxes are, by law, collected by towns, and said corporation shall have the same power to direct the mode of collecting said taxes as towns have in the collection of town taxes.

Sec. 5. Officers. The officers of said corporation shall consist of a clerk, three assessors, a treasurer, a collector of taxes, a chief of the fire department and such other officers as may be provided for in the by-laws of said corporation, all of whom shall be duly sworn in by the clerk or by a justice of the peace.

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Sec. 6. By-laws, how adopted. The said corporation, at any legal meeting thereof, called for the purpose, may adopt such by-laws and provisions, not inconsistent with the laws and constitution of this state and the United States, as they may deem expedient and necessary for the better government and regulation of the municipal affairs within said corporation, in which case such by-laws and provisions so adopted, shall extend to said corporation as fully, to all intents and purposes as the other provisions of this act, subject only to alterations or additions by a two-thirds vote, at a legal meeting of the corporation called for the purpose.

Sec. 7. Notice of meetings. All the meetings of said corporation after the first, shall be notified by warrant of the assessors, notices of which shall be posted in two public places within its limits, seven days prior to the meeting, stating the time, place and purposes of the meeting; and a meeting shall at any time be called on the written application of ten legal voters to said assessors stating the time, place and purposes for which said meeting is requested.

Sec. 8. Charter must be accepted by legal voters; how meetings for acceptance shall be called. This charter may be accepted at any time within five years from the date of its approval by the governor, and its rejection in any calendar year shall not prevent its acceptance in any later calendar year during the time aforesaid; but only one meeting to vote thereon, shall be held in any one calendar year. Fred R. Penley, E. W. Mann, Alfred C. Perham, D. Henry Fifield, Ellsworth D. Curtis or any one of them may call all meetings of the inhabitants of said territory previous to the acceptance of this charter, by posting a notice, stating the time, place and objects of said meeting, in at least two public and conspicuous places in said territory, at least seven days before the time of holding said meeting, and all subsequent meetings shall be called and notified by the assessors of said corporation as town meetings are called and notified, unless said corporation shall otherwise define the manner of calling and notifying its meetings in its by-laws.

Sec. 9. Qualification of legal voters. Every person residing within the limits of said corporation, qualified to vote for governor, senators and representatives, shall be a legal voter at any meeting of said corporation, or at any meeting for the adoption of this charter.

Sec. 10. Procedure at meetings before charter is accepted. At any meeting prescribed in section eight of this act, the legal voters shall elect a moderator and clerk, both of whom shall be sworn by some justice of the peace, for the faithful discharge of their respective duties, and thereupon said meeting shall proceed by ballot to vote on the question of accepting this charter, and if a majority of all the legal voters present

and voting at said meeting, shall vote in favor of its acceptance, then it shall take effect, and said corporation may immediately after said vote is declared, proceed to the adoption of by-laws and the election of officers as provided in sections five and six of this act.

Approved March 1, 1921.

Chapter 8.

An Act to Amend Chapter Sixty-five of the Private and Special Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Nineteen, Entitled "An Act to Authorize the County of Androscoggin to Enlarge and Repair the County Buildings at Auburn in said County and Erect a New Building, and to Enlarge and Construct Safety Vaults."

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

Sec. 1. P. and S. L., 1919, c. 65, § 1; relating to repair and alteration of Androscoggin county buildings and the amount that may be expended thereon, amended. Section one of said act is hereby amended by striking out the words "one hundred and twenty-five thousand" in the third line thereof, and inserting in place thereof the words 'one hundred and seventy-five thousand', so that said section, as amended, will read as follows:

'Sec. 1. Amount that may be expended increased. The county of Androscoggin is hereby authorized and empowered to expend so much money as shall be necessary, not to exceed in all, the sum of one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars, in altering, enlarging, and repairing the county buildings at Auburn in said county and in constructing a new building appurtenant thereto and to be used by said county and dedicated to its business is said Auburn, and enlarging, remodeling and rebuilding or building new vaults for the records of the clerk of courts, the register of deeds and the register of probate and the county commissioners in said county, so as to better preserve the records of said offices and render them more convenient for use.'

Sec. 2. P. and S. L., 1919, c. 65, § 2; relating to the manner in which the money for alteration of Androscoggin county buildings may be raised, amended. Section two of said act is hereby amended by inserting in the third line thereof after the word "empowered" the words 'without submitting the question to the inhabitants of the county of Androscoggin as provided in section twenty of chapter eighty-three of the revised statutes'; and by striking out the words "one hundred and twenty-five thousand" in the tenth line thereof, and inserting in place thereof 'one hundred and seventy-five thousand', so that said section, as amended, will read as follows: