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Chapter 16.

An Act to Permit the Town of Southport to Obtain a Supply of Pure Water.

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

Act permitting town of Southport to obtain a supply of pure water, extended. The rights, powers and privileges of Southport which were originally granted by chapter one hundred and twenty-nine of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred and fifteen, and which were further extended for periods of two years respectively by chapter seventy-seven of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen and chapter thirty-one of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred and nineteen, are hereby extended for a period of two years from the time this act shall take effect and the town of Southport shall have all the rights, powers and privileges that were granted by said chapter one hundred and twenty-nine to be exercised in the same manner and for the purposes therein specified.

Approved March 1, 1921.

Chapter 17.

An Act to Amend the City Charter of Bangor.

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

Sec. 1. P. and S. L., 1834, c. 436, as amended; relating to the charter of the city of Bangor, amended. Chapter four hundred and thirty-six of the private and special laws, approved February twelfth, eighteen hundred and thirty-four, entitled "An Act to Incorporate the City of Bangor," and acts amendatory thereof or additional thereto, or affecting said act, are hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 2. Date of city election. The regular city election of the city of Bangor shall be held on the second Monday of December in each year, beginning in the year nineteen hundred and twenty-one.

Sec. 3. Fiscal year; tenure of office; organization of city council. The municipal year of said city shall be from the first Monday in January at ten A.M. until that time in the following January.

The mayor and members of the city council shall hold office for one year from the first Monday in January in each year or until others are elected and sworn in their places.

On the first Monday in January in each year, beginning in the year nineteen hundred and twenty-two, the mayor-elect and members of the

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city council-elect shall meet in convention at ten A.M., and, as provided in the present city charter, shall be sworn in and the two boards of the city council shall organize.

Sec. 4. Termination of terms of present officers. On the first Monday in January, nineteen hundred and twenty-two, upon the inauguration of the new city government, the terms of office of those then holding the office of mayor, of aldermen and of common councilmen shall cease, provided that their respective successors shall have then been legally elected and sworn in.

Sec. 5. Election of members of the board of public works and subordinate officers. On the first Monday in January in each year, beginning in the year nineteen hundred and twenty-two, the city council shall elect members of the board of public works, as hereinafter provided, and, except as hereinafter provided, shall, as heretofore, elect subordinate officers.

Sec. 6. Board of public works created; how chosen, qualification, tenure of office, members not to be personally interested in any contract entered into by board; municipal officers to retain certain powers in relation to public works; office of park commissioners and sewer board abolished. A board to be known as the board of public works, to consist of seven (7) members, including the mayor, ex-officio, who shall be chairman of the board, is hereby established in and for the city of Bangor, which shall have and exercise all the powers and be charged with all the duties relative to the construction, reconstruction, care and maintenance of the streets, highways, bridges, sidewalks, drains, sewers and parks in said city which are now conferred or imposed upon the city council, municipal officer., street commissioner, sewer board or park commissioners by the charter and ordinances of said city or the general laws of the state. Provided, however, that the municipal officers shall, as heretofore, retain their jurisdiction in regard to the question whether public drains or common sewers shall be constructed and as to the location thereof, and as to all assessments connected therewith and as to assessments for permanent improvements to street gutters and sidewalks, and provided further that the city council shall retain, as heretofore, its jurisdiction in regard to the laying out, establishment, widening of or other alteration of any street or public way and in regard to the determination of damages therefor and of all assessments connected therewith. No member, except the mayor, shall hold any office under said city during his term nor shall he receive any compensation for his services as such member. If one of such other members becomes mayor another shall be elected in his place, as hereinafter provided.

At their first election in the year nineteen hundred and twenty-two the other six members of the board shall be elected, two for one year, two for two years, and two for three years, all from the first Monday in January in the year nineteen hundred and twenty-two, and thereafter on the first Monday of each January two shall be elected for a term of three years therefrom; on the first election no more than three and thereafter no more than one shall be chosen from the same political party.

All such members shall be legal voters in and residents of said city and shall be sworn to the faithful performance of their duties by the mayor, city clerk or any justice of the peace or notary public in said city.

Each vacancy in said board shall be filled by the city council for the unexpired term and the new member so elected shall be of the same political party as that of the person whose death, resignation or removal has caused such vacancy.

No member of the board during his term of office shall be interested, directly or indirectly, in any contract entered into by or under authority of the board.

On the first Monday in January, nineteen hundred and twenty-two, the offices of park commissioners and the sewer board shall be abolished and the terms of office of the then incumbents shall cease.

Sec. 7. Offices of secretary of board of public works and city engineer created; board not to exceed appropriations. On the first Monday in each January, or as soon thereafter as may be, the board of public works shall elect a secretary whose duty it shall be to keep a record of the proceedings of the board, notify members of meetings and perform such other duties as the board may direct; said secretary shall be sworn to the faithful performance of his duties by the mayor, city clerk or any justice of the peace or notary public in said city, and his compensation shall be fixed by the board and paid from the appropriation made by the city council for the work of the board.

Said board of public works shall on the first Monday in each January, or as soon thereafter as may be, choose the city engineer, to serve at the pleasure of and under the direction and supervision of the board, who shall also be the street commissioner, the superintendent of sewers and superintendent of parks. Said city engineer shall, with the approval of said board, appoint his assistants in said several departments, to serve at his pleasure. Said board shall fix the salaries or compensation of all such officers, to be paid from the appropriation made for the work of the board. The board shall not incur expenses in excess of the appropriations made

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for the board by the city council. All payrolls and bills for work done or materials furnished by authority of the board, which have not been passed upon by them, shall be approved by the chairman, or, in his absence, by some member designated by him.

Sec. 8. Board of public works to file budget report with city council covering estimates for succeeding year and to file report covering preceding year. The board shall, at the beginning of each financial year, submit to the city council for its guidance in making appropriations, a statement of work proposed to be done in the several departments under the jurisdiction of the board, with approximate estimates of cost, and such other information regarding the work as the city council may require, and shall, at the close of the year, make a full detailed report to the city council of receipts and expenditures and all work done.

Sec. 9. Expiration of terms of subordinate officers. The terms of office of all members of boards or of subordinate officers elected by the city council to serve until March, nineteen hundred and twenty-two, shall expire on the first Monday in January, nineteen hundred and twenty-two, and the terms of those so elected to serve for a term extending beyond March, nineteen hundred and twenty-two, shall expire on the first Monday in January next prior to the end of the term for which they were so elected.

Sec. 10. Inconsistent statutes repealed. All provisions of the city charter of said city, or amendments or additions thereto, and all provisions of any other acts which are inconsistent with the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed.

Sec. 11. Act to be voted on in March, 1921. This act shall not take effect unless at the regular election in said city in March in the year nineteen hundred and twenty-one a desire for its adoption shall have been manifested by a majority of the legal votes cast on the question, which question shall have been submitted to the people at said election, after such notice as may be required by the municipal officers of said city.

Approved March 2, 1921.

Chapter 18.

An Act to Amend Chapter Sixteen of the Private and Special Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Eleven, Relating to the Issue of Stock and Bonds by the Lewiston Gas Light Company.

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

P. and S. L., 1911, c. 16; relating to increase of stock by Lewiston Gas Light Co., amended. Chapter sixteen of the private and special