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Chapter 84

An Act Relating to Robert W. Traip Academy.

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

Sec. 1. Trustees authorized to receive gifts and bequests; terms. The trustees under the will of Robert W. Traip, late of Kittery, and their successors in trust, for the benefit of Robert W. Traip Academy, are authorized to receive gifts, bequests and devises of real or personal property to be administered according to the terms of the said will and of the instrument creating the gift, devise or bequest and if such instrument contain no specific terms, then for the general purpose of the trust as set forth in said will of Robert W. Traip.

Sec. 2. Acceptances ratified. The acceptance of any gift, devise or bequest by said trustees, and all gifts, bequests and devises made to said trustees are hereby ratified, confirmed and made valid.

Approved April 6, 1927.

Chapter 85

An Act to Renew the Charter of the R. & T. Cement Railroad.

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

Charter extended; proceedings ratified. The charter of the R. & T. Cement Railroad as granted by chapter one hundred and ninety of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred and nine, and renewed and extended by chapter sixteen of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-five, is hereby renewed and extended for a period of two years. The acceptance of said charter and organization under the same heretofore made, are hereby approved. All proceedings heretofore legally taken as provided in said charter or in conformity with the statutes of this state are hereby ratified and confirmed and the validity of the same likewise renewed and extended.

Approved April 6, 1927.

Chapter 86

An Act to Establish a Board of Police of the City of Waterville.

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

Sec. 1. Board of police authorized; nominations; terms of office; va-

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cancies; officers. (a) At any regular election which shall be held in the city of Waterville after this act shall take effect, or at any special election which may be called for the purpose herein provided, there shall be elected by plurality vote three citizens of said Waterville who shall constitute a board of police of said city, and who shall be sworn before entering upon the duties of their office.

(b) All nominations shall be made and election held under the laws which govern the nomination and election of mayor in said city of Waterville.

(c) The said members of said board shall serve from the time of their election and qualification for terms which shall terminate two, four and six years, respectively, as shall be designated at the time of their election, from the first day of January next succeeding such election; thereafter, their successors shall be elected for a term of six years each, at the annual election next preceding the expiration of the term.

(d) Vacancies shall be temporarily filled by the municipal officers of said city; members so chosen shall hold office until the first day of January following their election, and at the next annual municipal election occurring after such vacancy exists, some citizen shall be elected to serve during the remainder of the term.

(e) The board shall annually elect one of its number chairman.

(f) The board shall annually appoint one of its number clerk who shall be sworn and shall keep a record of all proceedings, issue all notices, and attest all such papers and orders as the board directs.

Sec. 2. Authority of board; transfer of existing powers. (a) Said board of police of the city of Waterville shall have authority to appoint, establish and organize the police force of said city, including the marshal and deputy marshals, and to remove the same for cause and make all needful rules and regulations for its government, control and efficiency.

(b) All the powers now vested in the mayor, board of aldermen and common council or by the city charter, ordinances, by-laws and regulations of the said city for the government of its said police, except as may herein be otherwise provided are hereby conferred upon and vested in said board of police.

Sec. 3. Present police force to hold offices; rules; authority of police. (a) The members of the police force of said city of Waterville in office when this act shall take effect, shall continue to hold their several offices

until the members of the police force appointed under this act shall have qualified.

(b) The present rules and regulations of the mayor and board of aldermen for the government of the police, shall continue in force until otherwise ordered by said board of police.

(c) All police officers appointed by said board of police, hereby created, shall have and exercise within the limits of said city all the common law and statutory powers of constables, except service of civil process, and all the powers given to police officers by the statutes of the state and the city charter, ordinances, by-laws and regulations of said city.

Sec. 4. Police force not be increased; special officers. (a) Said board of police shall not appoint any larger number of police officers than the present mayor or board of mayor and aldermen, by the statutes of the state, city charter, ordinances, by-laws and rules of said city are now authorized to appoint, except as may be from time to time authorized by said city.

(b) Said board shall have the same authority now vested in the appointing power, of appointing from time to time, special officers for special services.

Sec. 5. Salaries of board; office; police headquarters; expenses. (a) The salaries of the members of said board shall be voted annually by the municipal officers of said city and paid quarterly from the treasury thereof, but the salary of any member of said board shall not be diminished during the term of his office.

(b) The said board of police shall be provided with such rooms as shall be convenient and suitable for the performance of its duties by said city and at the expense of said city.

(c) The said city shall provide all suitable accommodations for the police of said city as said board shall require.

(d) All rooms in all buildings and all property used by said police, shall be under the control of said board of police.

(e) All expenses for the maintenance of said rooms, the pay of the police and all incidental expenses incurred in the administration of said police, shall be paid by said city upon the requisition of said board. But no such expenses shall be paid by said city until the bills therefor shall have passed through the regular channels of auditing and finance committees provided for by the officers of the city for the management of all

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its departments. When thus audited, approved and allowed, the mayor of said city shall draw his warrant for the payment of such expenses.

Sec. 6. Salaries of police officers. (a) The board of aldermen and councilmen shall fix the salaries of the policemen, the deputies of the city marshal and of the city marshal, but in no instance shall the salary paid to these officers be less than that paid to officers of like grade during the year nineteen hundred fifteen without the consent of the board of police.

Sec. 7. Annual report. (a) The said board of police shall make a report of its doings annually to the city government at the close of the fiscal year.

Sec. 8. Local referendum provided for; return to secretary of state; effective date. (a) This act shall take effect and be in full force when the same shall have been accepted by a majority of the inhabitants of said city, qualified to vote in legal affairs, at a legal meeting called for that purpose. Provided it shall be accepted before January first, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirty-two.

(b) If the majority of all the ballots received are in favor of accepting the act, it shall then become a law and take effect; and it shall be the duty of the clerk of said city to transcribe a copy of the record of the vote of said city accepting this act into the records of the city, and such record shall be conclusive evidence that this act has been accepted.

(c) A copy of the record of said vote accepting this act shall be filed with the secretary of the state.

(d) The provisions hereof authorizing the calling of a meeting or meetings for the purpose of voting upon the acceptance of the act, shall take effect as provided in the constitution of the state.

Sec. 9. Inconsistent acts repealed. (a) All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act and amendments hereto are hereby repealed, from and after the time when this act shall have been accepted as aforesaid.

Approved April 6, 1927.

Chapter 87

An Act to Extend the Charter Granted to the Sandy River and Rangeley Lakes Railway Company.

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

Charter extended. The act of incorporation of the Sandy River and