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Sec. 7. Directors may accept deeds and bequests in the name of said district. The directors may accept in behalf of the authority such grants of land, or rights therein or shore privileges as the city of Calais may see fit to make.

Sec. 8. Reports. The directors shall, on the 1st day of December of each year, submit a report to the council, which report shall contain a statement of the doings of the directors during the preceding year and such recommendations as, in the opinion of the directors, may be necessary or expedient to enable them better to administer the affairs of the port of Calais and to regulate the shipping therein and the use of the piers, docks and terminal facilities under the charge of the directors.

Sec. 9. Bond issue. "The Port of Calais Authority" is hereby authorized to issue bonds up to 70% of the value of its properties, which said bonds shall be a first lien on the property.

Approved March 23, 1935.

Chapter 40.

AN ACT to Incorporate the Town of Bucksport School District.

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

Sec. 1. Town of Bucksport School District, incorporated. Subject to the provisions of section 7 hereof, the inhabitants of the town of Bucksport shall constitute a body politic and corporate under the name of the "Town of Bucksport School District" for the following purposes: of acquiring land within the said town for school purposes; of purchasing or erecting, equipping and maintaining on said land a school building; and for leasing or letting said property to said town; all for the benefit of the inhabitants of said town.

Sec. 2. How managed. All the affairs of said district, as are herein provided shall be managed by a board of trustees composed of 5 members who shall be elected as is hereinafter provided.

Sec. 3. Board of trustees, how elected; terms; reports. The trustees so to be elected shall be elected by a plurality vote of the legal voters of said district voting at an annual or special election provided for in section 8. All nominations of candidates so to be voted for shall be made by nomination papers signed in the aggregate for each candidate by no less than 50 qualified voters resident in said district. Each voter signing a nomination paper shall make his signature in person, and each voter may subscribe to as many nominations as there are trustees to be elected in said district and no more. Such nomination papers, before being filed, shall be submitted

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to the town clerk of Bucksport, who shall forthwith certify thereon what number of the signatures are names of qualified voters resident in said district; 1 of the signers to each such separate paper shall swear to the truth thereon, and the certificate of such oath shall be annexed to or made upon the nomination papers. Such nomination papers shall be filed with the town clerk of said town of Bucksport at least 7 days, exclusive of Sundays, previous to the day of such election. With such nomination papers shall also be filed the consent in writing of the person or persons nominated. All nomination papers, being filed and being in apparent conformity with the foregoing provisions, shall be deemed to be valid; and if not in apparent conformity they may be seasonably amended under oath. In case any candidate who has been duly nominated under the provisions hereof shall die before the day of election, or shall withdraw in writing, or shall remove his place of residence from said district, the vacancy may be supplied in the manner herein provided for such nominations. The name so supplied for vacancy shall, if the ballots have not been printed, be placed on the ballots instead of the original nomination; or if the ballots have been printed, new ballots containing the new nomination shall, if practicable, be furnished, or slips containing the new nomination shall be printed under the direction of said town clerk, which shall be pasted upon said ballots and over the name of the candidate whose nomination has been vacated as aforesaid, and thereafter shall become part of said ballots as if originally printed thereon. The ballot in said district shall contain the names of all candidates so nominated in such district alphabetically arranged, printed in 1 column under the heading, "For Trustees of the Town of Bucksport School District." Above such heading shall be printed, "Vote for five. Make a cross to the right of each name voted for." As many blank spaces shall be left after the names of the candidates as there are trustees to be elected, in which the voter may by writing insert the name of any person or persons for whom he desires to vote. In preparing his ballot the voter shall mark a cross (X) against and to the right of such name on said ballot as he desires to vote for, not to exceed the number of trustees so to be elected in said district. If the voter shall desire to vote for any person or persons whose name or names are not printed on the ballot, he may fill in such name or names in the blank spaces left therefor by writing the same therein, or by using a sticker containing such new name or names. Where the voter so adds by writing such new name or names, his vote for such new name or names shall be counted therefor although he may fail to mark a cross against the same. The result of such election shall be declared by the municipal officers of the town of Bucksport and due certificate thereof filed with the town clerk thereof. The term of office of the trustees shall begin on the date of the annual or special election provided for in this act. As soon as convenient after all the members of said board have been so

chosen, the trustees shall hold a meeting at the town rooms in the town of Bucksport, to be called by 1 of the trustees upon such reasonable notice therefor as he may deem proper. They shall organize by the election from their own membership of a president, clerk and treasurer, adopt a corporate seal and may employ all needful officers and agents for the proper conduct and management of the affairs of the district and annually thereafter at the beginning of each municipal year the trustees shall organize as hereinbefore provided.

At the 1st meeting the trustees so elected shall determine by lot the term of office of each trustee so that 1 trustee shall retire each year and the term of office of the 1st trustee to expire shall end at the end of the municipal year of the town of Bucksport following the acceptance of this act, and thereafter the term of office of a trustee shall expire and his successor shall be elected by a plurality vote of the voters of said district voting upon the date of the annual election of said town and upon nomination made as is herein provided for the 1st election of trustees. The trustees so elected shall serve the full term of 5 years and in case any vacancy arises in the membership of the board of trustees it shall be filled by the municipal officers of said town of Bucksport for the unexpired term. When any trustee ceases to be a resident of said district he vacates the office of the trustee and the vacancy shall be filled as aforesaid. All such trustees shall be eligible to re-election. No member, except the treasurer, shall receive compensation for his services and the treasurer shall receive in full compensation for his services an amount to be fixed by the municipal officers of the said town of Bucksport and such salary and all expenses of the district shall be paid from the funds of the district. At the close of each fiscal year the trustees shall make a detailed report of their doings, of the financial condition of said district and the physical condition of said school building, and also such other matters and things pertaining to said district as shall show the inhabitants thereof how said trustees are fulfilling the duties and obligations of their trust, said reports to be made, attested to and filed with the municipal officers of said town.

Sec. 4. How financed. To procure funds for the purpose of this act and such other expense as may be necessary to the carrying out of said purposes, the said district is hereby authorized to issue its bonds and notes, but shall not incur a total indebtedness exceeding the sum of \$75,000. Each bond shall have inscribed upon its face the words: "Town of Bucksport School District" and shall bear interest at such rates as the trustees shall determine, payable semi-annually. Said bonds may be issued to mature serially or made to run for such periods as said trustees may determine, but none of which shall run for a longer period than 25 years. All notes or bonds issued by said district shall be signed by the treasurer and countersigned by the president of the district, and if coupon bonds be

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issued, each coupon shall be attested by a facsimile signature of the president and treasurer printed thereon. The treasurer shall give bond to the district in such sum and with such sureties as said trustees may determine, which bond shall remain in the custody of the president. The expenses of said bond shall be paid by the district.

Sec. 5. Sinking fund. In case said bonds are made to run for a period of years, a sinking fund shall be established by the trustees of said district for the purpose of redeeming said bonds when they become due, and not less than 2% of the total cost of the school building and its appurtenances, and the expenses incidental to the carrying out of the purposes of this act shall be added to said sinking fund each year, which may be deposited in a savings bank within the state or may be invested in any United States government bonds, state bonds or the bonds of any political subdivision thereof as the trustees may determine. Whenever any bonds issued by said district become due or can be purchased by said trustees on favorable terms, said trustees shall, if sufficient funds have accumulated in said sinking fund, redeem or purchase said bonds and cancel them. In no case shall bonds so cancelled or redeemed be reissued. In case the amount in the sinking fund shall not be sufficient to pay the total amount of the bonds falling due at any one time, authority to issue new bonds sufficient to redeem so many of said bonds, as cannot be redeemed from the sinking fund is hereby granted to said district but in no case shall new bonds run beyond 25 years from the date of the original issue.

Sec. 6. Provisions for sinking fund. The trustees of the "Town of Bucksport School District" shall determine the sum to be paid annually into the sinking fund, or if the bonds authorized by this act shall be issued to mature serially what amount is required each year to meet the bonds falling due, and what sum is required each year to meet the interest on said bonds or other obligations, and other necessary expenses in the district, and shall each year thereafter, before the 1st day of April, issue their warrant in the same form as the warrant of the treasurer of state for taxes, with proper changes, to the assessors of the town of Bucksport, requiring them to assess the sum so determined upon the taxable polls and estates within said district and to commit their assessment to the constable or collector of said town of Bucksport, who shall have all authority and powers to collect said taxes as is vested by law to collect state, county and municipal taxes. On or before the 31st day of December of the year in which said tax is so levied the treasurer of said town shall pay the amount of the tax so assessed against said district to the treasurer of said district. In the case of the failure on the part of the treasurer of the town to pay said sum, or in the case of his failure to pay any part thereof on or before said 31st day of December of the year in which said tax is so levied, the

treasurer of said district may issue his warrant for the amount of said tax or so much thereof as shall then remain unpaid, to the sheriff of Hancock county, requiring him to levy by distress and sale on real and personal property of any of the inhabitants of said district, and the sheriff or either or any of his deputies shall execute said warrant except as is otherwise provided herein. The same authority as is vested in the county officials for the collection of county taxes, under the provisions of the revised statutes, is hereby vested in the trustees of said district in relation to the collection of taxes within said district.

Sec. 7. Provisions for termination of the board of trustees. At such time as the school building shall have been purchased or completed, equipped, and occupied by pupils of said district and the board of trustees of the district shall have discharged all of its principal obligations and the property of said district shall be free and clear of all indebtedness, the board of trustees shall automatically cease to function and all of the duties, management, care and maintenance shall revert to the school board of the town of Bucksport or such other board as may, at that time, have jurisdiction over similar school property, and the then president and treasurer shall cause to be executed, signed and delivered, a good and sufficient deed of all the property in said district, to the town of Bucksport. All moneys, if any be remaining in the treasury of the board of trustees at the time it ceases to function, shall be paid over to the town treasurer of the town of Bucksport. This money shall be used only for school purposes and shall be kept separate from all other money until its expenditure is authorized by the selectmen of the town of Bucksport as hereinbefore provided for.

Sec. 8. Effective date of act; referendum. This act, as is provided in section 1 hereof, shall not take effect unless accepted and approved by a majority vote of the legal voters of the town of Bucksport, voting at an annual election or one specially called and held for the purpose and for the purpose of electing trustees as provided for in section 3, not later than 4 months after the approval of this act. Such election shall be called, advertised and conducted according to the law relating to municipal elections; provided, however, that the board of registration in said town of Bucksport shall not be required to prepare for posting, or the town clerk to post, a new list of voters; and for the purpose of registration of voters, said board shall be in session the 3 secular days next preceding such elections, the first 2 days thereof to be devoted to registration of voters, and the last day to enable the board to verify the corrections of said lists and to complete and close up their records of such sessions. The town clerk shall reduce the subject matter of this act to the following question: "Shall the act to incorporate the Town of Bucksport School District be accepted?"

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and the voters shall indicate by a cross placed over the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same. The result in said district shall be declared by the municipal officers of the town of Bucksport and due certificate filed by the town clerk with the secretary of state.

Approved March 30, 1935.

Chapter 41.

AN ACT to Amend the Charter of the City of Brewer.

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

Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1931, c. 75, art. II, § 3, ¶ 1, amended. Paragraph 1 of section 3 of article II of chapter 75 of the private and special laws of 1931 is hereby amended to read as follows:

'At the first meeting annually, or as soon thereafter as possible, the city council shall elect by majority vote of the entire council one of its members as chairman of the council for the ensuing year, and the city council may fill for the unexpired term any vacancy in the office of chairman that may occur. The chairman shall preside at all meetings of the city council and shall perform such other duties consistent with this office as the council may provide. He shall be entitled to vote and his vote shall be counted upon all matters and things as a vote of other members of the council. The chairman shall be recognized as the official head of the city ~~for ceremonial purposes and known and styled as mayor~~ and shall have the powers and authority given to and perform the duties required of mayors of cities for all purposes of military law, and shall act ~~in lieu of the~~ as mayor in so far as representation is provided for the city by the mayor upon any board or commission or otherwise by any statute. In the temporary absence or disability of the chairman, the city council may select a chairman pro tempore from among its number and he shall exercise the powers of the chairman.'

Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1931, c. 75, art. V, § 1, amended. Section 1 of article V of chapter 75 of the private and special laws of 1931 is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 1. Boards and officers. There shall be the following administrative boards and officers:

(A) The following boards and officers shall be appointed by ballot by a majority vote of the members of the city council; city manager, city clerk, city treasurer, collector of taxes, assessors of taxes, auditor of accounts, city solicitor, ~~chief of police~~, secretary to overseers of the poor, health officer for a period of 3 years subject to the approval of the state ~~commissioner of health and welfare as now provided by general law whose term of office and~~ duties shall be as provided under section 87 of chapter 1 of the public laws of 1933, and 2 members of the board of registration under