

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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such matters as may be applicable under this or other laws, finds it to be in the public interest, it may authorize the transportation of baggage, mail and express for hire, in the passenger motor vehicles operated by said carrier, subject to such terms, conditions and restrictions as said commission may prescribe, and such other reasonable regulations as may be deemed necessary for the safety or convenience of the public. The power and authority conferred upon the public utilities commission in section 59 of chapter 62 is hereby made applicable to the provisions of this chapter.'

Approved March 30, 1939.

Chapter 129

AN ACT Relating to the Operation of Busses.

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

R. S., c. 66, § 1, amended. Section 1 of chapter 66 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following words: 'Application for an original certificate shall be accompanied by a fee of \$25; yearly renewals and amendments requiring a public hearing, by a fee of \$15; and transfer of a certificate, by a fee of \$15. The funds so received by said commission shall be used to defray the expenses of said commission in connection therewith.'

Approved March 30, 1939.

Chapter 130

AN ACT Authorizing Towns to Employ a Town Manager or to Form Unions for the Purpose.

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

Sec. 1. Town manager form of government. Any town, at the annual town meeting, or at a special town meeting, provided an appropriate article has been inserted in the warrant for such meeting, may vote to employ a town manager, or to form a union with one or more other towns in the employment of a town manager, and may delegate to the selectmen the right to fix the compensation of such town manager. In every case where a union is formed for the purpose of employing a town manager, the compensation for said town manager shall be paid by the several towns in said union in such proportions as may be decided by the selectmen of such towns, and each of said towns is authorized to raise by taxation the necessary money therefor.

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Sec. 2. Unions may be organized. The manager elected by any such town or union of towns shall be manager of the municipal and prudential affairs of said town or of each of the several towns comprising such union, and as such manager shall perform, for each of said towns, the duties hereinafter specified. Any town entering into such a union may withdraw therefrom by vote at any annual town meeting. Said withdrawal shall not become effective until 60 days after written notice of such intention to withdraw shall have been given to the selectmen of each of the other towns comprising such union.

Sec. 3. Powers and duties of town manager. Town managers shall be chosen on the basis of their executive and administrative qualifications by the selectmen at a town voting to employ a town manager, or by a joint board composed of the selectmen of the several towns comprising a union for the purposes of this act in which joint board the selectmen of each town shall cast collectively a single vote. A town manager shall be the administrative head of the government of the town, or of each of the several towns comprising a town union, and shall be responsible to the selectmen of each town for the administration of all departments of each said town, over which the selectmen of towns have control, and his powers and duties, where not otherwise provided, shall be generally as follows:

- a. To see that the laws and ordinances are enforced.
- b. To act as purchasing agent for all town departments except school departments, and to submit to bids any purchases involving more than \$100 if the selectmen or the joint board shall so order.
- c. To attend the meetings of the selectmen, except when his removal is being considered, and recommend for adoption such measures as he may deem expedient.
- d. To keep the selectmen and the citizens of said town or towns fully advised as to the financial conditions of said town or towns.
- e. To perform in each town or towns such other duties as may be prescribed for him by the selectmen, including the duties or any part of the duties of the town treasurer, the road commissioner or commissioners, the tax collector, and the overseers of the poor; any other provisions of statute to the contrary notwithstanding.

Sec. 4. Removal. Any town manager elected under the provisions of this act may be removed from his said office for cause by the selectmen of any town by which he is employed or by the joint board aforesaid in case his employment is by a town union.