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ACTS AND RESOLVES
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purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters of the city of Bath at the next regular election held therein. The city clerk shall prepare the required ballots for the use of the voters upon which he shall reduce the subject matter of this act to the following question: "Shall 'An Act Relating to Ordinances for Certain Employees of the City of Bath' be accepted?" and the voters shall indicate by a cross placed over the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same.

This act shall take effect for all the purposes of this act immediately after the acceptance of this act by the majority of the legal voters voting at said election.

The result of the vote in said city shall be declared by the municipal officers thereof and a certificate thereof shall be filed by the clerk of the said city with the secretary of state.

Effective February 17, 1943

Chapter 4

AN ACT Relating to the Term of Office of Certain Subordinate Officers of the City of Bath.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the absorption of competent persons by the industrial plants engaged in the national defense program seriously threatens to deplete the personnel of the subordinate officers of the city of Bath, and

Whereas, such threatened depletion has created a hazard to the peace, health, and safety of the public, and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature these facts create an emergency within the meaning of section 16 of Article XXXI of the constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. Purpose. The general purpose of this act is to establish for the city of Bath a system of personnel administration for certain subordinate officers based on merit and efficiency and the retention in office of such subordinate officers who render faithful and efficient service.

Sec. 2. Appointive officers. The following subordinate officers of the city of Bath shall be appointed by ballot by a majority vote of the members of the city council: city clerk, city treasurer and collector, city mar-

shal, city messenger, chief of the fire department, the superintendent of highways and sewers, the superintendent of burials and burying grounds, and the superintendent of the board of overseers of the poor.

Sec. 3. Removal. All such officers following their appointment under the provisions of this act shall be removable by the city council upon written charges, notices and hearing, if upon such hearing they are adjudged guilty of the charges preferred.

Sec. 4. Salaries. The salary or compensation of such officers shall be determined annually by the city council.

Sec. 5. Saving clause. The persons holding any of said respective offices by election or appointment at the time of the taking effect of this act, shall be considered as having been appointed under this act and shall hold office as provided herein.

Sec. 6. Repealing clause. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed in so far as such inconsistency exists.

Sec. 7. Effective date of act; referendum. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters of the city of Bath at the next regular election held therein. The city clerk shall prepare the required ballots for the use of the voters upon which he shall reduce the subject matter of this act to the following question: "Shall 'An Act Relating to the Term of Office of Certain Subordinate Officers of the City of Bath' be accepted?" and the voters shall indicate by a cross placed over the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same.

This act shall take effect for all the purposes of this act immediately after the acceptance of this act by the majority of the legal voters voting at said election.

The result of the vote in said city shall be declared by the municipal officers thereof and a certificate thereof shall be filed by the clerk of the said city with the secretary of state.

Effective February 17, 1943

Chapter 5

AN ACT to Amend the Charter of the Town of Fort Fairfield.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the town of Fort Fairfield, in the county of Aroostook, has certain expenses and liabilities which must be met as they become due; and