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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

Ninety-seventh Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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CHAP. 37

PRIVATE AND SPECIAL, 1955

Sec. 8. P. & S. L., 1907, c. 257, § 28, amended. The 2nd sentence of section 28 of chapter 257 of the private and special laws of 1907 is hereby amended to read as follows:

'On the first Monday of January, ~~annually~~ biennially, or as soon as may be thereafter, they shall meet, and the newly elected members, having been first duly sworn by the city clerk or a justice of the peace, shall elect one of their number chairman, and appoint some suitable person, not a member of the board, superintendent of schools, and may adopt such rules and regulations for the management of the schools as are not inconsistent with the laws of the state.'

Referendum; effective date; certificate to Secretary of State. This act shall take effect 90 days after adjournment of the Legislature, only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the qualified voters of the city of Westbrook at the next regular city election to be held on the 2nd Monday in December, 1955, an appropriate article being inserted in the call for such election.

The city clerk shall reduce the subject matter of this act to the following questions:

"1. Shall all school committeemen hold office for four years, and all other elective officers for two years?"

"2. Shall the prohibition against aldermen receiving compensation be removed?"

The provisions of this act, as they relate to each question, shall become effective only if the majority of the votes cast by the legal voters of said city is in favor of the acceptance of such question and provided further that the total number of votes cast for or against the acceptance of each question at said election equals or exceeds 20% of the total vote for all candidates for Governor in said city at the next previous gubernatorial election. If the amendments under question 1 are accepted, all officers elected at the city election on the 2nd Monday in December, 1955 shall hold office for 2 years from the first Monday in January, 1956, with the exception of the school committeemen who shall hold office as provided in Section 4, preceding.

The result of the vote on each question shall be declared by the municipal officers of the city of Westbrook and due certificate thereof shall be filed by the city clerk with the Secretary of State.

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 37

AN ACT Amending the Charter of the City of Auburn re Compensation of Members of the Council.

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

P. & S. L., 1917, c. 201, Art. II, § 2, amended. The last sentence of section 2 of article II of chapter 201 of the private and special laws of 1917 is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Each member of the city council shall receive \$10 for attending each regular meeting but no council member shall receive in excess of \$300 in any one municipal year. A council member absent from a regular meeting shall not receive any compensation for that meeting.'

Referendum; effective date; certificate to Secretary of State. This act shall take effect 90 days after the adjournment of the Legislature, only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters of the city of Auburn at the next regular municipal election in 1955. The city clerk shall prepare the required ballots on which he shall reduce the subject matter of this act to the following question:

"Shall the Act Amending the Charter of the City of Auburn re Compensation of Members of the Council, passed by the 97th Legislature, be accepted?" And the voters shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed against the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same. This act shall take effect for all the purposes hereof immediately upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal voters at said election, provided that the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this act equaled or exceeded 20% of the total vote cast for all candidates for Governor in said city at the next previous gubernatorial election.

The result of said vote shall be determined by the municipal officers of the city of Auburn and due certificate thereof filed by the city clerk with the Secretary of State.

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 38

AN ACT Amending the Charter of Maine Public Service Company.

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

Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1917, c. 203, § 9, repealed. Section 9 of chapter 203 of the private and special laws of 1917 is hereby repealed.

Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1923, c. 116, § 3, repealed. Section 3 of chapter 116 of the private and special laws of 1923 is hereby repealed.

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 39

AN ACT to Incorporate the Trustees of St. Joseph's College.

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

Sec. 1. **Incorporation.** Daniel J. Feeney, George P. Johnson, Peter J. Flanagan, Mary Evangelista Ward, Mary Carmel McLellan, Margaret Josephine Roche, Frances Ellen Holmes, Alma Josephine Therriault, their associates and succes-