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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

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of permitting its submission to the legal voters of the city of Bath at any regular or special city election held within 1 year from the effective date of this act, an appropriate article being inserted in the call for such election. In the event a special election is called for the purpose, it shall be called, advertised and conducted according to the law relating to municipal elections; provided, however, that the board of registration in said city shall not be required to prepare for posting, nor the city 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 special meeting, the 1st and 2nd days thereof to be devoted to the registration of voters and the 3rd day to enable the board to verify the corrections of said list and to complete and close up their records of said sessions. 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 Bath, in reference to the size, election and remuneration of the city 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 purposes hereof immediately upon its acceptance by a majority vote of the legal voters voting 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 for all candidates for governor in said city at the next previous gubernatorial election.

The result of such election shall be declared by the municipal officers of the city of Bath and due certificate thereof filed by the city clerk with the Secretary of State.

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 175

AN ACT Relating to Purposes of the Associated Hospital Service of Maine (Blue Cross, Blue Shield).

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

Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1939, c. 24, § 3, amended. Section 3 of chapter 24 of the private and special laws of 1939 is hereby amended to read as follows:

'**Sec. 3. Purposes.** To establish, maintain and operate a nonprofit hospital service plan, whereby hospital care may be provided by hospitals or groups of hospitals with which this corporation has a contract for such purpose, to such ~~of the public persons or groups of persons~~ as become subscribers to said plan under a contract which entitles each subscriber to certain hospital care, and the hospital or hospitals so contracting with this corporation shall be governed by this section and shall be exempt from all other provisions of the insurance laws of this state, unless otherwise specifically provided herein.'

Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1939, c. 24, § 3-B, additional. Chapter 24 of the private and special laws of 1939, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding thereto a new section, to be numbered 3-B, to read as follows:

'Sec. 3-B. Contracts with other corporations. This corporation may contract with any similar corporations in other states for the joint administration of their business and may enter into reciprocal arrangements for the mutual benefit of their subscribers.'

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 176

AN ACT to Incorporate the Westbrook Sewerage District.

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

Sec. 1. Incorporation. The territory of the City of Westbrook, in the county of Cumberland, and the inhabitants within said territory shall constitute a body politic and corporate under the name of "Westbrook Sewerage District". The purpose of said district shall be to take over, control, operate and manage the sewers now owned by the City of Westbrook with all appurtenances thereto; to extend, increase, enlarge and improve said sewers; to extend the present system or systems so as to furnish sewerage facilities to portions of the city not now served with such facilities; to provide for removal of sewerage and a system of sanitary sewerage for public purposes and for the health and comfort and convenience of the inhabitants of said district.

Sec. 2. Authority to acquire and hold property; right of eminent domain conferred. Upon acceptance of this act as hereinafter provided, title to all public sewers in the city of Westbrook shall pass to and vest in said district, and said district shall maintain and operate same except as hereinafter provided. For the purpose of providing a system of sewers and drainage for the comfort, convenience and health of the inhabitants of said district, the said district is hereby authorized and empowered to acquire and hold real estate and personal estate necessary and convenient for the purposes aforesaid, subject to all duties and obligations of the city of Westbrook with respect thereto, which duties and obligations are to be assumed by said district. The district is hereby authorized to take and hold by purchase, lease or the exercise of the right of eminent domain, as hereinafter provided, or otherwise, any land or real estate or easement therein necessary for forming basins, reservoirs and outlets; for erection of buildings for pumping works and sewage treatment; for laying pipes and maintaining same; for laying and maintaining conduits for carrying and collecting, discharging and disposing of sewage matter and rain water and for other objects necessary, convenient and proper for the purpose of this act; and all of such property, wherever located, shall be exempt from taxation.

Provided, however, nothing herein contained shall be construed as authorizing said sewer district to take by right of eminent domain any of the now existing sewers without the consent of a majority of the owners of said sewers or any of the property or facilities of any other public service corporation or district used or acquired for future use by the owners thereof in the performance of a public duty, unless expressly authorized thereto herein or by subsequent act of the Legislature.

Sec. 3. Procedure in exercise of right of eminent domain. The trustees hereinafter provided for said district may exercise the right of eminent domain vested in said district for the purposes of this act after hearing, notice of the time and