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Chapter 50

AN ACT Permitting South Berwick to Apply for Aid under the Bridge Act.

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

South Berwick may apply for aid under the "bridge act." The town of South Berwick is authorized to apply for state and county aid in the reconstruction of the State of Maine portion of the Interstate Bridge between South Berwick, Maine and Rollingsford, New Hampshire, known as the "Salmon Falls Bridge" and all the provisions of the "bridge act," so called, sections 108 to 114, inclusive, section 116 and sections 120 to 122, inclusive, of chapter 23 of the Revised Statutes shall apply in the same manner as provided for intrastate bridges.

Effective August 28, 1957

Chapter 51

AN ACT to Amend the Charter of the City of Hallowell Relating to the Election of the City Marshal and Street Commissioner by the City Council.

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

Sec. 1. City marshal and street commissioner to be elected by city council; terms; vacancies. The city marshal and the street commissioner for the city of Hallowell shall be elected by ballot by majority vote of the city council for a term of 2 years or until their successors are elected and qualified, on the 2nd Monday of January or as soon thereafter as possible, subject to removal by the city council at its pleasure; and the council shall have and exercise the same power of appointment to fill any vacancy from any cause in either of said offices. Any person so elected to fill a vacancy from any cause other than expiration of the term of office shall hold said office during the unexpired term of his predecessor, subject to removal by the city council at its pleasure.

Sec. 2. Local referendum provided for; ballots and conduct of election. Section 1 of this act shall take effect only when accepted as hereinafter provided by the electors of said city qualified to vote in a municipal election. Said section shall be submitted to be voted upon by the qualified electors of said city at an election to be held on the 2nd Monday in September, 1957. The ballots to be used in said election shall be in such form as to permit said section 1 of this act to be voted on separately by an expression of the voter's opinion on the following question relating thereto:

"Shall the city marshal and street commissioner be elected by ballot by majority vote of the city council for a term of two years or until their successors are elected and qualified subject to removal by the city council at its pleasure?"

Opposite and to the right of said question shall be printed the two words "Yes" and "No" with the usual squares in which the voter is to mark in the manner required by law to express his opinion. If the section so submitted shall receive more affirmative than negative votes at said election, it shall be deemed to have been accepted and shall thereupon be in full force and effect. The result of said election shall be declared by the mayor and aldermen, and due certificate thereof filed with the city clerk and with the secretary of state.

A printed copy of the full text of the first section of this act shall be posted with each notice of said election, and two copies shall be kept posted in each voting place in said city during said election.

Sec. 3. Inconsistent statutes repealed. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith, and all provisions of the charter and ordinances of the said city of Hallowell inconsistent with this act, are hereby modified so as to conform to the provisions of this act.

This act shall take effect as to the subject matter covered by section 1, only when said section is finally accepted by the electors of said city of Hallowell, as provided in section 2 hereof.

Effective August 28, 1957

Chapter 52

AN ACT Relating to Indebtedness of West Gardiner School District.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the school buildings which house the common schools of the town of West Gardiner have not been completed; and

Whereas, existing classrooms for students are overcrowded; and

Whereas, it is imperative that action be taken immediately to relieve such conditions; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning 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:

P. & S. L., 1945, c. 142, § 4, amended. The 1st sentence of section 4 of chapter 142 of the private and special laws of 1945, as last amended by chapter 11 of the private and special laws of 1955, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'To procure funds for the purposes of this act and such other expense as may be necessary for 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 ~~\$65,000~~ \$73,000.'

Emergency clause; referendum; effective date. 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 town of West Gardiner at any regular or special meeting called and held for the purpose not later than 3 months after the approval of this act. Such special meeting shall be called, advertised and conducted according to law relating to municipal elections; provided, however, that the selectmen of the town of West Gardiner shall not be