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and for the County of Androscoggin, State of Maine, is hereby authorized and instructed to enter upon his records this validation of the incorporation of the Lewiston and Auburn Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, in accordance with this act.

Effective September 16, 1961

Chapter 170

AN ACT Providing for the Union of the Towns of Mars Hill and Blaine as One Municipality.

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

Sec. 1. Towns of Mars Hill and Blaine united. The Towns of Mars Hill and Blaine, in the County of Aroostook, are united in one municipality by the name of Mars Hill, which is vested with all powers, privileges and immunities which the inhabitants of towns within this State have or may enjoy.

Sec. 2. Liabilities, how assumed. All the liabilities of both towns at the time this act takes effect are assumed by and become the liabilities of said Town of Mars Hill.

Sec. 3. Property becomes property of new town. All the property, both real and personal, owned by either or both of said Towns of Mars Hill and Blaine at the time this act shall take effect is conveyed to and becomes the property of said new Town of Mars Hill.

Sec. 4. Taxes when paid. The collectors of taxes for both towns at the time this act shall take effect shall collect and pay over to the treasurer of the new Town of Mars Hill all taxes they shall have been directed to pay to the treasurers of their respective towns which shall have then been assessed and committed to said collectors for collection, not then already collected and paid over to the treasurers of their respective towns.

Sec. 5. Treasurers, duties of. The treasurers of both of said towns at the time this act shall take effect shall pay over all moneys, and deliver all books, papers and documents pertaining to their respective offices, to the treasurer of the new Town of Mars Hill.

Sec. 6. Town clerks, duties of. The town clerks of both of said towns shall deliver to the town clerk of the new Town of Mars Hill all records and books belonging to their respective towns and all papers, records and documents belonging to their respective offices.

Sec. 7. Selectmen, etc., duties of. The selectmen, assessors and overseers of the poor of both said towns shall deliver all books, papers and documents belonging to their several offices respectively to the selectmen of the new Town of Mars Hill.

Sec. 8. Effective date. This act shall take effect on the first day of March next succeeding the date when both said towns shall have severally voted to accept this act at annual meetings legally called and held by warrants containing

articles for that purpose, but the right to submit this question to said towns as aforesaid shall not extend beyond the annual meetings of said towns for the year 1967.

Effective September 16, 1961

Chapter 171

AN ACT to Provide for a Civil Service Commission for the Fire Department of the City of Biddeford.

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

Sec. 1. Civil service commission. A civil service commission, consisting of 3 residents and voters of Biddeford, shall be appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the city council as soon as convenient after this act shall become effective, all of whom shall serve without pay. The members of the civil service commission shall hold no other elective or appointive city office. Members shall serve for a term of 3 years or until their successors have been appointed and qualified; except for the first appointment, one shall be appointed for 3 years, one for 2 years and one for one year. At the expiration of each term, a commissioner shall be appointed each year for a full term of 3 years. All terms shall expire on the first day of the first, 2nd and 3rd January following thereafter. Vacancies in said commission shall be filled by the mayor and confirmed by the city council for the balance of the unexpired term.

The commission shall annually elect one of their members chairman and one of their members clerk, who shall be sworn and keep a record of all proceedings, issue all notices and attest all such papers and orders as the commission direct, and make a report of its doings annually to the city council at the close of the fiscal year.

Sec. 2. Powers and duties of commission. The commission shall supervise and control the selection for appointment, promotion, layoff, reinstatement, suspension and removal of the members of the fire department and chief of the fire department. The commission shall examine all applicants for appointment as chief and assistant chief of the fire department and firemen. The commission is empowered to subpoena witnesses and administer oaths and to adopt and promulgate reasonable standards for examination and qualification for appointments, establishing preference based upon years of continuous service in the department. The commission may make such rules or regulations, not inconsistent with law, the city charter and the city ordinances, for the government efficiency of the department as they may deem advisable.

Sec. 3. Appointments. The appointments of chief of the fire department and assistant chief, firemen and call firemen shall be made by the commission from an eligibility list made up after examination of applicants, subject to the approval of city council. Appointments to the office of chief, assistant chief and firemen of the fire department shall be during good behavior and may terminate when appointee shall have attained the age of 65 years, subject only to the right of removal for cause as herein provided. The commission shall set compensation of the employees of the fire department subject to the approval of the mayor and council.