

**I. CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF IPSWICH**

An Act Establishing Selectmen-Town Manager Form of Government for the Town of Ipswich

(Acts, 1966, Chapter 620; Accepted By Vote of Town, March 13, 1967;  
As Amended Through March 10, 1975)

NOTE

The Charter, together with the acceptances of legislative acts and the special legislation relating to the Town of Ipswich, are reprinted in fulfillment of the requirements of Section 12 of Chapter 43B of the General Laws, as amended.

The Charter reprinted herewith is the Town's third charter. Previously the Town had accepted and then rejected two charters: Chapter 247 of the Acts of 1949, and Chapter 620 of the Acts of 1954. Following the rejection of the second charter in March 1962, the Town Meeting in December 1962, and in March 1963 adopted various measures and accepted various special statutes affecting the structure of the government of the Town. These actions are listed in their chronological order in the list of acceptances of legislative acts (Part II).

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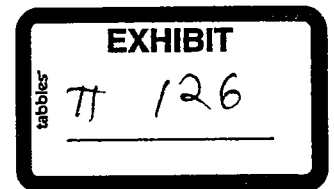


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SECTION 1. Town Meeting. The annual town meeting of the Town of Ipswich for the transaction of all business except the election of such officers and the determination of such matters as are by law to be determined by ballot shall be held on such date as the Town shall provide by by-law consistent with the provisions of the General Laws as amended. That part of the annual town meeting devoted to the election of officers and to take action on such matters as are by law to be determined by ballot shall be held within thirty days of the annual town meeting, and the time and place of holding such election and vote shall be stated in the warrant for the annual town meeting.

(As amended by order under G.L. c. 43B S. 10A adopted by vote of Town Meeting March 4, 1974, approved by the Attorney General May 10, 1974, and approved by the voters March 10, 1975)

SECTION 2. Board of Selectmen. The Board of Selectmen shall consist of five members, each to be elected by official ballot by the qualified voters of the Town at the annual town election, and each to hold a three year term of office. Such term shall be staggered as they were prior to the acceptance of this act, and Selectmen holding office at the time of the acceptance of this act shall serve out their elected terms.

SECTION 3. Appointive Powers of Selectmen. The Board of Selectmen shall appoint and may remove election officers, registrars of voters (except the Town Clerk), Trust Fund Commissioners, Town Accountant, Zoning Board of Appeals, an Electric Light Manager, and the Town Manager. The Treasurer and Collector shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen as provided in chapter two hundred and fifty-one of the acts of nineteen hundred and sixty-three, which was accepted by the town of Ipswich in March nineteen hundred and sixty-four and which shall not be affected by this act in any way. The Town Accountant and the Treasurer and Collector shall, in the performance of their duties, be subject to the general supervision and direction of the Town Manager.

SECTION 4. Investigations or Surveys. For the purpose of making investigations or surveys, the Board of Selectmen may employ such experts, counsel and other assistants and incur such other expenses, not exceeding in any year the sum of one thousand dollars, or such larger sum as may be appropriated for the purpose by the Town, as they may deem necessary, and the same shall be paid by the Treasurer upon a warrant signed by a majority of the Board of Selectmen.

SECTION 5. Other Elective Boards and Offices. In addition to the Board of Selectmen, the registered voters of the Town shall elect a moderator, a constable, a school committee of seven members and a housing authority of five members, each to be elected in accordance with the practices in effect for the election of such officials prior to the acceptance of this act. Any of said officials holding office at the time of the acceptance of this act shall serve out his elected term.

SECTION 6. Town Manager. The Board of Selectmen shall appoint, as soon as practicable, for a term of three years, a Town Manager, who shall be a person especially fitted by education, training and experience to perform the duties of the office. The Town Manager shall be appointed without regard to his political beliefs. He need not be a resident of the Town or of the

Commonwealth when appointed, but shall be a resident of the Town during his term of office. He may be appointed for successive terms of office. Before entering upon the duties of his office, the Town Manager shall be sworn to the faithful and impartial performance thereof by the Chairman of the Selectmen, or by the Town Clerk, or by a justice of the peace. He shall execute a bond in favor of the Town for the faithful performance of his duties in such sum and with such surety or sureties as may be fixed or approved by the Selectmen.

SECTION 7. Temporary Town Manager. A vacancy in the office of Town Manager shall be filled as soon as possible by appointment by the Board of Selectmen. Pending the appointment of a town manager or the filling of such a vacancy, the Selectmen may appoint a suitable person to perform the duties of the office temporarily. Said temporary appointment shall be made within thirty days of the occurrence of the vacancy, but any such temporary appointment shall be for a term not to exceed ninety days. If necessary, the Board of Selectmen may extend the temporary appointment for an additional term not to exceed ninety days. A temporary town manager, appointed according to the terms of this section, shall serve at compensation to be set by the Board of Selectmen, but such compensation shall not exceed the rate of compensation approved for the Town Manager by the Town.

SECTION 8. Acting Town Manager. In the event of a temporary absence or disability of the Town Manager, the Board of Selectmen may designate an officer of the Town to perform the duties of the Town Manager until he shall return or his disability shall cease. Such an appointment must be made if absence or disability extends beyond thirty days.

SECTION 9. Removal of Town Manager. The Selectmen, at any meeting of the full membership of the Board, may adopt a preliminary resolution to remove the Town Manager by a vote in which not more than one member dissents. At least thirty days before such proposed removal becomes effective, the Selectmen shall file a preliminary written resolution with the Town Clerk setting forth in detail the specific reasons for the proposed removal, a copy of which resolution shall be delivered to the Town Manager. The Manager, within thirty days after notice so filed, may reply in writing to the resolution and may request a public hearing. If the Manager so requests, the Board of Selectmen shall hold a public hearing not earlier than twenty days nor later than thirty days after the filing of such request. After such public hearing, if any, otherwise at the expiration of thirty days following the filing of the preliminary resolution, and after full consideration, the Selectmen, by vote of the full membership of the Board at which no more than one member dissents, may adopt a final resolution of removal. In the preliminary resolution the Selectmen may suspend the manager from duty, but shall in any case cause to be paid to him forthwith any unpaid balance of his salary through the date of the final resolution plus one month's severance pay.

SECTION 10. Compensation of Town Manager. The Town Manager shall receive such compensation for his services as the Selectmen shall determine but it shall not exceed the amount appropriated therefor by the Town without prior approval of the Finance Committee.

SECTION 11. Powers and Duties of the Town Manager. In addition to specific powers and duties provided in this act, the Town Manager shall have the general powers and duties enumerated in this section:

- (a) The Town Manager shall supervise and direct the administration of all departments, boards and offices subject to his appointment.
- (b) The Town Manager, in accordance with the provisions of this act and except as otherwise expressly prohibited by the General Laws, may reorganize, consolidate or abolish departments, commissions, boards or offices under his direction and supervision, in whole or in part, may establish such new departments, commissions, boards or offices as he deems necessary, and in so doing, may transfer the duties, powers and appropriation of one department, commission, board or office to another.
- (c) Except as otherwise provided by this act, the Town Manager shall appoint upon merit and fitness alone, and subject to the provision of chapter thirty-one of the General Laws where applicable, may remove all officers and employees of the Town under his supervision. Town officers and employees not subject to the provisions of said chapter thirty-one shall not be removed by him except on five days' notice in writing, setting forth the cause of such removal.
- (d) Notwithstanding the provision of section one hundred and eight of chapter forty-one of the General Laws, the Town Manager shall fix the compensation of all officers and employees subject to removal by him. Said compensation shall not exceed the sums appropriated by the Town.
- (e) The Town Manager shall attend all regular meetings of the Board of Selectmen unless excused by the Board.
- (f) The Town Manager shall keep full and complete records of his office, and shall render as often as may be required by the Selectmen a full report of all operations during the period reported on.
- (g) The Town Manager shall keep the Selectmen fully advised as to the needs of the Town and shall recommend to the Selectmen for adoption such measures requiring action by them or by the Town as he may deem necessary or expedient.
- (h) The Town Manager shall have jurisdiction over the rental and use of all Town property and shall be responsible for the maintenance and repair of all Town buildings. He shall be responsible for the preparation of plans and the supervision of work on existing buildings or on the construction of new buildings. However, he shall not have such responsibilities for property and buildings under the control of the School Committee unless so requested of the Board of Selectmen by that committee.
- (i) The Town Manager shall administer either directly or through a person or persons appointed by him in accordance with this act all provisions of general and special laws applicable to said Town, all by-laws and all regulations established by the Selectmen.
- (j) The Town Manager shall be responsible for publication of the annual town report which shall include, in addition to that which is required by law or by by-law, the warrants and actions taken by the Town of such warrants for all town meetings which have occurred since the last town meeting included in the last annual town report. The first such report to include town meeting data shall begin with the data from the previous annual town meeting.

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- (k) The Town Manager shall perform such other duties consistent with his office, as may be required of him by the by-laws of the Town or by the vote of the Selectmen.
- (l) The Town Manager shall appoint all necessary town officers not specifically provided for herein.
- (m) The Town Manager shall act as the purchasing agent for the Town with the powers and duties provided in section one hundred and three of chapter forty-one of the General Laws.

SECTION 12. Investigations by the Town Manager. The Town Manager may, without notice, cause the affairs of any division or department under his control, or conduct of any officer or employee thereof, to be examined. The Town Manager shall have access to all Town books and papers for information necessary for the proper performance of his duties.

SECTION 13. Boards and Offices to be Appointed by the Town Manager. The following boards or offices in existence at the time of acceptance of this act shall continue in force and effect: Planning Board, Board of Assessors, Town Counsel, Civil Defense Director, and Safety Director. Members of said boards or offices holding office at the time of acceptance of this act shall serve out their appointed terms, and future appointments shall be made by the Town Manager. If for any reason a vacancy occurs in any of these boards or offices, the vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment by the Town Manager.

The director of the Ipswich public library shall be appointed by the town manager with the approval of the board of library trustees. The town manager may remove the director of the Ipswich public library, with the approval of the board of library trustees, for just cause, following a hearing.

(As amended by order under General Laws Chapter 43B, Section 10, adopted by vote of Town Meeting April 6, 1998; approved by the voters on April 13, 1998; approved by the Attorney General on May 7, 1998; effective June 4, 1998)

SECTION 14. Recreation Committee. Upon acceptance of this act, there shall be established a Recreation Committee to consist of seven members to be appointed by the Town Manager. Said committee shall assume all the duties and responsibilities of the Recreation Committee as they exist prior to the acceptance of this act, with the exception of the responsibility for employing and removing personnel, which shall be the responsibility of the Town Manager. The term of office shall be three years, terms to be staggered such that in one year, two; the second year, two; and the third year, three terms shall expire. If for any reason a vacancy occurs in the membership of the committee, the vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment by the Town Manager. The Town Manager shall appoint a recreation director and a buildings and grounds director who shall be subject to the general supervision and direction of the Town Manager.

(As amended by order under General Laws Chapter 43B Section 10A, adopted by vote of Town Meeting April 13, 1981; approved by the Attorney General on May 22, 1981; and approved by the voters on April 12, 1982.)

SECTION 15. Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners. Upon the acceptance of this act, the Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners, which board was elected prior to the acceptance of this act, shall revert to an appointed board, said appointments to be made by the Town Manager. Elected members of the board shall serve out their unexpired terms, at the expiration of which their successors shall be appointed by the Town Manager. If for any reason a vacancy occurs in the membership of the Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners, the vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment by the Town Manager. Said board shall assume all duties and responsibilities of the Board of Cemetery Commissioners and of the Park Commissioners in existence prior to the acceptance of this act, with the exception of the responsibility for employing and removing personnel, which shall be the responsibility of the Town Manager.

(As amended by order under General Laws Chapter 43B Section 10A, adopted by vote of Town Meeting April 13, 1981; approved by the Attorney General on May 22, 1981; and approved by the voters on April 12, 1982.)

SECTION 16. Deleted by order under General Laws Chapter 43B, Section 10, adopted by vote of Town Meeting April 6, 1998; approved by the voters on April 13, 1998; approved by the Attorney General on May 7, 1998; effective June 4, 1998

SECTION 17. Board of Health. Upon the acceptance of this act, the Board of Health, which board was elected prior to the acceptance of this act, shall revert to an appointed board, said appointments to be made by the Town Manager. Elected members of the board shall serve out their unexpired terms, at the expiration of which their successors shall be appointed by the Town Manager. If for any reason a vacancy occurs in the membership of the Board of Health, the vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment by the Town Manager. Said board shall assume all duties and responsibilities of the Board of Health in existence prior to the acceptance of this act with the exception of the responsibility for employing and removing personnel, which shall be the responsibility of the Town Manager. The Town Manager may appoint an agent of the Board of Health who may be a member of said board and who shall possess all the powers and duties conferred or imposed by law upon agents of boards of health of towns, but who shall, in the performance of his duties, be subject to the general supervision and direction of the Town Manager.

SECTION 18. Town Clerk. The Town Manager shall appoint a suitably qualified person to the office of Town Clerk. The person holding the elective office of Town Clerk at the time of the acceptance of this act shall serve out the term to which he was elected, at the expiration of which the Town Manager shall appoint his successor. The Town Clerk shall have the powers, perform the duties, and be subject to the liabilities and penalties now or hereafter conferred or imposed by law upon Town Clerks but shall be subject to the general supervision and direction of the Town Manager in the performance of his duties. He shall be sworn to the faithful performance of his duties by the chairman of the Selectmen or by a justice of the peace.

SECTION 19. Inspectors. The Town Manager shall appoint a suitably qualified person or persons to serve as plumbing, gas, wiring, and building inspectors, and shall fix their compensation which shall not exceed the amount appropriated by the Town.

SECTION 20. Additional Committees or Boards. In addition to the above mentioned boards, committees or officers, the Town Manager may establish and appoint the members of such advisory boards or committees as he deems necessary. Such boards or committees may include, but need not be restricted to, a water-sewer advisory board, mosquito control committee, traffic safety committee, building code committee, public safety advisory committee, personnel advisory board and an electric light advisory board.

SECTION 21. Department of Public Works. Upon the acceptance of this act there shall be established a department of public works as herein provided. The Town Manager shall assume all the powers and duties as heretofore delegated to the Board of Public Works. The Board of Selectmen shall assume all the powers and duties heretofore delegated to the Water Commissioners and Sewer Commissioners. The Town Manager may appoint such superintendents of separate sections of said department as he deems necessary except that the existing position of Superintendent of Streets as now established shall continue to exist within the Department of Public Works. The Department of Public Works may include, but need not be restricted to, the Engineering Department, Water Department, Sewer Department, Forestry Department, Highway Department and Shellfish Department as they existed prior to the acceptance of this act. The Cemetery Department, at the discretion of the Selectmen, may be included under Public Works also after the expiration of the terms of the elected members as specified in section fifteen. The Public Works Department so established shall assume all the functions of the departments it incorporates as these functions existed prior to the acceptance of this act. The Town Manager may consolidate the functions of various departments as they become part of the Department of Public Works, but the organized composite departments shall consist of divisions that compare as nearly as practical by title and function with the departments as they existed prior to the acceptance of this act, and the accounting for this department shall be subdivided according to the divisions so defined. The collection and removal of refuse, garbage and offal shall also be the responsibility of said department.

(As amended by order under General Laws Chapter 43B Section 10A adopted by vote of Town Meeting March 06, 1972, approved by Attorney General August 11, 1972, and approved by the voters March 12, 1973.)

SECTION 22. Electric Light Department. The Electric Light Department in existence at the time of acceptance of this act shall continue in force and effect. Said department shall be under the direct supervision of an officer to be known as the Electric Light Manager, but shall be subject to the general supervision of the Town Manager who shall be responsible to the Board of Selectmen as Electric Light Commissioners.

(As amended by order under General Laws Chapter 43B Section 10A adopted by vote of Town Meeting March 06, 1972, approved by Attorney General August 11, 1972, and approved by the voters March 12, 1973.)



SECTION 23. Approval of Warrants. The Town Manager shall be the chief fiscal officer of the Town. Warrants for the payment of Town funds prepared by the Town Accountant in accordance with the provisions of section fifty-six of chapter forty-one of the General Laws shall be submitted to the Town Manager. The approval of any such warrant by the Town Manager shall be sufficient authority to authorize payment by the Town Treasurer, but the Selectmen shall approve all warrants in the event of the absence of the Town Manager or a vacancy in the office of the Town Manager.

SECTION 24. Investigation of Claims. Whenever any payroll, bill or other claim against the Town is presented to the Town Manager he shall, if the same seems to him to be of doubtful validity, excessive in amount, or otherwise contrary to the interests of the Town, refer it to the Selectmen who shall immediately investigate the facts and determine what, if any, payment should be made. Pending such investigation and determination by the Selectmen, payment shall be withheld.

SECTION 25. Receipts Paid to the Treasury. Every officer shall pay into the treasury of the Town all amounts received by him on behalf of the Town, and shall make a true return thereof to the Town Accountant stating the accounts upon which such amounts were received.

SECTION 26. Fees Paid to Treasury. The aggregate annual compensation of each Town employee appointed by the Town Manager shall be limited to the amount established in accordance with the provisions of this act and all fees received in accordance with the provisions of any general or special law shall be paid into the treasury of the Town.

SECTION 27. Estimates of Expenditures. No later than 100 days prior to the Annual Town Meeting, the Town Manager shall submit to the Selectmen a careful, detailed estimate in writing of the probable expenditures of the Town government for the ensuing fiscal year, stating the amount required to meet the interest and maturing bonds and notes or other outstanding indebtedness of the Town and showing specifically the amount necessary to be provided for each fund and department, together with a statement of the expenditures of the Town for the same purposes in the two preceding years and an estimate of the expenditures for the current year. He shall also submit a statement showing all revenues received by the Town in the two preceding fiscal years and an estimate of the amount of income from all sources of revenue exclusive of taxes upon property in the ensuing year. For the purpose of enabling the Town manager to make up the annual estimate of expenditures, all boards, officers, and committees of the Town shall, upon his written request, furnish all information in their possession and submit to him in writing a detailed estimate of the appropriations required for the efficient and proper conduct of their respective departments during the next fiscal year (amended STM October 15, 2007.)

SECTION 28. Annual Budget. The Selectmen shall consider the tentative budget submitted by the Town Manager and make such recommendations relative thereto as they deem expedient and proper in the interests of the Town. No later than 65 days prior to the Annual Town Meeting, the Selectmen shall transmit a copy of the budget together with their recommendations relative thereto to each member of the Finance Committee.

Between May 15 and July 15 of each year, in closing the fiscal year, the Town Manager, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee, may transfer funds between departments and categories appropriated within the municipal operating budget for the year then ending; said actions may be taken without further town meeting approval, provided the total budget is not increased, and provided further that the aggregate total of funds transferred pursuant to the provisions of this Section shall not exceed two percent (2.0%) of the total municipal operating budget for the year then ending. [Paragraph appended by vote of April 7, 2003, Town Meeting; approved by Attorney General May 19, 2003]

SECTION 29. Finance Committee. The Finance Committee shall continue to exist as it is now established in accordance with chapter four of the By-Laws of the Town of Ipswich.

SECTION 30. By-Laws, Rules, Etc. All laws, by-laws, rules and regulations in force in the Town of Ipswich when this act takes effect, not inconsistent with its provisions, whether enacted by authority of the Town or any other authority, shall continue in full force and effect until otherwise provided by law, by-law or vote, respectively; all other laws, by-laws, rules and regulations, so far as they refer to the Town of Ipswich, are hereby repealed and annulled, but such repeal shall not revive any pre-existing enactment.

SECTION 31. Submission of Act and Time of Taking Effect. This act shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the Town of Ipswich for acceptance at the annual town meeting to be held in the year nineteen hundred and sixty-seven in the form of the following question which shall be placed upon the official ballot to be used at said meeting: "Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year nineteen hundred and sixty-six, entitled 'An Act establishing a Selectmen-Town Manager form of government for the Town of Ipswich', be accepted?" If a majority of the votes in answer to said question is in the affirmative, this act shall thereupon take effect immediately, but not otherwise.

SECTION 32. Revocation of Acceptance. At any time after the expiration of three years from the date on which this act is accepted and not less than sixty days before the date of an annual town meeting, a petition signed by not less than twenty percent of the registered voters of the Town may be filed with the Selectmen, requesting that the question of revoking the acceptance of this act be submitted to the voters. Thereupon the Selectmen shall cause the question of revocation of the acceptance to be placed on the ballot at the next annual town election. At said election the vote shall be taken in answer to the following question which shall be printed on the official ballot: "Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year nineteen hundred and sixty-six, entitled 'An Act establishing a Selectmen-Town Manager form of government for the Town of Ipswich', be retained?" If retention of the act is favored by a majority of the voters voting thereon, no further petition therefor shall be filed under this section more often than once every three years thereafter. If retention of this act is not favored by a majority of the voters voting thereon, this act shall cease to be operative on and after the next annual town election following such vote, the term of office of the Town Manager terminating at that time. At the first annual town election following such vote of revocation, the registered voters of the Town shall elect by ballot all elective officers, boards, and committees whose election of office was required immediately prior to the acceptance of this act, but whose election to office was not required

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according to the terms of this act; provided, however, that the Town has not voted to accept other plans which provide for a different arrangement from that existing immediately prior to the acceptance of this act. It shall be the duty of the Selectmen and the Town Clerk in office, and any other Town official upon whom by reason of his office a duty devolves when this act is revoked, to comply with all of the requirements of this section relating to elections, to the end that all things may be done necessary for the nomination and election of the officers required to be elected following the revocation of this act. The said revocation shall not affect any contract then existing or any action at law of any suit in equity or any other proceedings then pending. Any special laws relative to said Town which are repealed by this act shall be revived by this revocation. All laws, by-laws, votes, rules, and regulations repealed and annulled as provided in section thirty shall be revived by such revocation. By-laws, votes and rules and regulations in force when said revocation takes effect, so far as consistent with the General Laws respecting town government and town officers and with special laws, shall not be affected thereby. For those positions for which the unexpired terms of office were not affected by the acceptance of this act, the unexpired terms of office shall not be affected by the revocation of this act.

Approved September 2, 1966.

## II. ACCEPTANCES OF LEGISLATIVE ACTS BY THE TOWN OF IPSWICH

- Sept. 15, 1890, accepted Chapter 386, Acts of 1890, authorizing the Town to print and distribute ballots for the town election at their own expense. (Chapter 41, Section 6)
- April 4, 1892, accepted provisions of act of Legislature of 1882, relating to laying out public parks.
- March 3, 1892, accepted Chapter 50 of the public statutes Sec. 20-24 inclusive, relating to the laying out of sidewalks.
- February 19, 1894, accepted Chapter 313, Acts of 1890 as extended by Chapter 145 Acts of 1893, an act to supply the Town of Ipswich with water.
- March 19, 1894, accepted Chapter 417, Sec. 268, Acts of 1893 relative to the election of a separate board of assessors.
- March 19, 1894, accepted same act providing for the election of a separate board of overseers of the poor.
- May 27, 1901, accepted Chapter 370, Sec. 1, Acts of 1900, the right to manufacture heat, light and power for the inhabitants of the Town of Ipswich.
- January 27, 1902, accepted Chapter 482, Acts of 1901, to elect a town clerk.
- May 14, 1902, accepted Chapter 33, R.L. Sec. 28, relative to electing field drivers.
- May 14, 1902, accepted Chapter 50, R.L. Sec. 1-9, relative to betterments in laying out streets and highways.
- January 23, 1907, accepted Chapter 11, Sec. 339, R.L. relative to election of selectmen.
- March 18, 1907, accepted Chapter 502, Acts of 1906, relative to appointment of school physician.
- March 11, 1908, accepted Chapter 186, Acts of 1907, relative to payment to widow of deceased fireman.
- March 31, 1911, accepted Chapter 11, R.L. relative to appointment of wire inspector.
- June 23, 1911, accepted Chapter 624, Acts of 1910, the town accountant act.
- November 5, 1912, accepted Chapter 503, Acts of 1912, relating to pensioning laborers in the employ of cities and towns.
- November 4, 1913, accepted Chapter 807, Acts of 1913, relative to workman's compensation.
- November 3, 1914, accepted Chapter 688, Acts of 1914, relative to Saturday half holiday.
- November 3, 1914, accepted Chapter 790, Acts of 1914, relative to party enrollment at primary elections.
- May 9, 1916, accepted Chapter 59, Acts of 1916, relating to town meetings and election of town officers.
- October 8, 1919, accepted Chapter 293, Acts of 1916, the Jitney Act.
- November 4, 1919, accepted Chapter 311 Acts of 1919 establishing continuation schools for child laborers.
- March 1, 1920, accepted Chapter 23, Gen. Acts of 1917, relative to licensing coffee houses.
- July 19, 1923, accepted Chapter 391, Acts of 1923, relative to collection of water rates.
- October 14, 1923, accepted Chapter 66, Acts of 1923, relative to extending the treasurer's and collector's term of office from one to three years.