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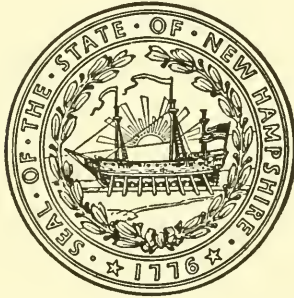
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CHAPTER 406.**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A REFERENDUM FOR DISSOLVING THE HILLSBOROUGH
BRIDGE VILLAGE FIRE PRECINCT AND TRANSFERRING ITS FUNCTIONS
TO THE TOWN OF HILLSBOROUGH.**

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

406:1 Hillsborough Bridge Village Fire Precinct. The Hillsborough Bridge Village Fire Precinct shall be dissolved and the property and assets of said precinct shall become the property and assets of the town and the liabilities of said precinct, if any, shall become liabilities of the town of Hillsborough.

406:2 Commissioners. The fire commissioners of said precinct shall become fire commissioners of the town of Hillsborough and, as their several terms expire, they shall be elected or reelected in the same manner as other elected officials of the town. The water commissioners of said precinct shall become water commissioners of the water department of the town of Hillsborough and, as their several terms expire, they shall be elected or reelected in the same manner as the other elected officials of the town.

406:3 Departments Established. The precinct fire department shall become the fire department of the town of Hillsborough. The precinct waterworks shall become the water department of the town of Hillsborough. Said departments shall be governed and administered by regulations submitted by the respective commissioners and approved by vote of the town of Hillsborough.

406:4 Referendum. This act shall not take effect until a referendum has been had as herein provided. In the warrant for a special or annual town meeting in the town of Hillsborough shall be an article calling for a consideration of the adoption of this act, and if two-thirds of the voters present and voting at such meeting shall approve the provisions hereof the act shall be deemed to have been adopted by the voters of the town. In like manner an article calling for a consideration of the adoption of this act shall be in a warrant for a special or annual meeting of the Hillsborough Bridge Village Fire Precinct and if two-thirds of the precinct voters present and voting at such meeting shall approve the provisions hereof the act shall be deemed to have been adopted by the voters of the precinct. If the act is adopted both by the town and the precinct it shall be effective as of the first day of January next following such action.

406:5 Repeal. If this act is adopted by the referendum herein provided, all acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are repealed in so far as the town of Hillsborough and Hillsborough Bridge Village Fire Precinct are concerned.

406:6 Takes Effect. For the purpose of the referendum provided in section 4, this act shall take effect upon its passage. The remaining provisions of this act shall be effective as hereinbefore provided if the act is adopted.

[Approved May 14, 1963.]

CHAPTER 407.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PERSONNEL ADVISORY BOARD OF THE CITY OF PORTSMOUTH.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

407:1 City of Portsmouth. Amend section 49 of chapter 398 of the Laws of 1947 by striking out said section and inserting in place thereof the following: **49. Personnel Advisory Board.** There is hereby established a Personnel Advisory Board of three citizens holding no other political office and appointed, one member by the manager, one member by the council in accordance with its rules covering such matters, and the third member by the council from a list of three names submitted to it from employees from a secret ballot regularly conducted in which all qualified employees shall be entitled to compete and in which each participating employee shall write on a blank paper the name of his choice for membership on the advisory board. The ballots so cast shall be counted and the names of the persons receiving the three highest votes shall be submitted to the council from which it shall appoint one qualified person as the third member of the advisory board. In the first instance only, the member appointed by the manager shall serve for one year, the first member appointed by the council from an employees panel for three years, in each case beginning on the effective date of this amendment to the charter; the term of all succeeding members shall be for three years beginning on the expiration of the term each succeeds. It shall be the duty of the personnel advisory board to study the broad problems of personnel policy and administration of the merit plan and retirement system. Any permanent employee dismissed or demoted, or suspended for more than thirty days in any one year, may, within thirty days after such dismissal, demotion or suspension, appeal to the personnel advisory board for a review thereof. Upon such review, both the appealing employee and the city manager whose action is reviewed shall have the right to be heard publicly and to present evidentiary facts. At the hearing of such appeals, technical rules of evidence shall not apply. If the personnel advisory board finds that the action complained of was taken by the city manager for any political, religious or racial reason, the employee shall be reinstated to his former position or a position of like status and pay,