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city of the payment of all invoices, bills and claims upon approval of the invoices, bills and claims by the city officer having authority to give such approval, except invoices, bills and claims of the board of education and checks for the payment of the debt and interest of said city, and checks signed by the clerk or assistant clerk of the city court of said city and the approval of such invoices, bills and claims by the common council shall not be required to authorize said warrants, and the treasurer of said city, shall accept and authorize the payment of warrants drawn in accordance with the provisions of this act. He shall audit, or cause to be audited, such departmental accounts as he shall consider should be so audited.

Approved June 16, 1959.

[House Bill No. 2303.]

[397.]

AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF
MIDDLETOWN, UNITING THE TWO TAXING DIS-
TRICTS AND CREATING THE MIDDLETOWN FIRE
DISTRICT AND THE SANITARY DISPOSAL DIS-
TRICT.

SECTION 1. Sections 106 and 107 of number 284 of the special acts of 1923 are repealed.

SEC. 2. The first and second taxing districts of the city of Middletown, as the same exist on the effective date of this act, shall be united into one taxing district, which shall comprise the entire city of Middletown.

SEC. 3. Upon the adoption of a budget for any fiscal year, a tax shall be levied upon the grand list last completed of all taxable property lying within the boundaries of the city of Middletown.

SEC. 4. Sections 61 and 62 of number 284 of the special acts of 1923 are amended, effective the first Wednesday after the first Monday in October, 1959, so that the superintendent of public works shall be the executive head of the department of public works for the entire city of Middletown.

SEC. 5. Section 64 of said act is amended by deleting in the fourth from the last sentence the words "for the benefit of the first taxing district," and by deleting in their entirety the last

two sentences of said section, and is further amended by adding thereto the following: Said department shall hereafter be known as The Middletown Fire District which shall include that territory which is now serviced by the Middletown fire department. The expense of maintaining said fire district shall be a service charge on property owners within said fire district. The common council, upon request of the property owners and after a public hearing, may extend said fire district by ordinance to include any other territory outside of said Middletown Fire District and not included within the limits of any other incorporated fire district.

SEC. 6. Section 61 of said act is further amended by adding thereto the following: There is created a sanitary disposal district for the city of Middletown, and the expense for the maintenance and operation of said district for the collection and disposal of garbage, ashes and other sanitary services, excluding the sewage system and its appurtenances, shall be a service charge upon all property located within that area constituted prior to the adoption of this act as the first taxing district, and the common council of the city of Middletown may, by ordinance, extend said sanitary disposal district upon petition of property owners outside said district.

SEC. 7. The common council of the city of Middletown may adopt such ordinances and regulations as may be necessary to promote and carry out the objects and purposes of this act.

SEC. 8. All sections or parts of sections of number 284 of the special acts of 1923 or any amendment thereto and any provisions of the charter and ordinances of the city of Middletown, so far as they are inconsistent with the provisions of this act, are repealed.

SEC. 9. All service charges due for any service under the provisions of this act shall be and remain a lien upon the house, tenement or lot, wherein or in connection with which said service shall have been rendered to the owner or occupant thereof; and said lien shall have priority over all other liens and incumbrances on said house, tenement or lot, whereon the same is imposed, except taxes, tax liens and other city liens, prior in date, and may be enforced or foreclosed by and in the name of the city of Middletown, before any court having competent jurisdiction thereof, in the same manner as mortgages on lands and buildings are foreclosed. The common council of the city of Middletown shall have the right and power to authorize the sale of any interest in any such house, tenement or lot which the city shall acquire by reason of such foreclosure, and the proceeds of any such sale shall be paid into the city treasury.

Such liens shall be perfected and be in effect in accordance with the provisions of the general statutes relating to the taxes on real estate.

SEC. 10. This act shall take effect the first Tuesday of November, 1959, provided (1) it has been approved by the electors residing within the first and second taxing districts of the city of Middletown, in the following manner: (a) At a meeting of the electors residing within the second taxing district warned and held for such purpose on the second Tuesday of September, 1959; and (b) at a meeting of the electors residing within the first taxing district warned and held for such purpose on the third Tuesday of September, 1959; and provided (2) the electors of The Middletown City School District and The Middletown Town Consolidated School District shall approve, on the first Tuesday of October, 1959, by a majority of the votes cast in each district, "An Act Providing For The Creation Of One School District in The City of Middletown", providing such an act shall be passed at the current session.

Approved June 16, 1959.

[Substitute For House Bill No. 3140.]

[398.]

AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF PORTLAND.

SECTION 1. There shall be a regular town election of the town of Portland to be held on the first Monday of October, 1959, and biennially thereafter, at which shall be elected a town treasurer, three members of the board of tax review, a first selectman, two selectmen, six grand jurors, one collector of taxes, seven constables and an agent of the town deposit fund, all of whom shall hold office for a term of two years from the date of their election and until their successors are elected and have qualified. At said regular election in 1959, and biennially thereafter, there shall be elected a town clerk and two registrars of voters, each of whom shall hold office for a term of two years from January first in the year following his election and until his successor is elected and has qualified.

SEC. 2. At the regular election to be held in the town of Portland on the first Monday of October, 1959, there shall be elected six members of the board of finance, three for a term of