

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# Sixty-Second Legislature.

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HOUSE.

No. 105.

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND  
EIGHTY-FIVE.

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AN ACT regulating the appointment of the members of  
the Police Force of the City of Portland.

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives  
in Legislature assembled, as follows:*

SECTION 1. No person shall be appointed to the police or  
2 watch of the city of Portland, as policeman, patrolman,  
3 watchman, or keeper, or for any position of like rank, or  
4 for any position of inferior rank thereto, unless such person  
5 shall be a citizen of the United States and not over forty-  
6 five years, nor under twenty five years, of age, and shall  
7 have successfully passed a competitive examination as  
8 herein provided, within two years before said appoint-  
9 ment, and shall have had a continuous residence in the  
10 city of Portland, at least two years before said examina-  
11 tion to the time of said appointment. When any police-  
12 man, patrolman, watchman or keeper shall have arrived at

13 the age of sixty years he shall be honorably discharged.  
14 The mayor and aldermen shall as soon as may be after the  
15 passage of this act, provide for such competitive exami-  
16 nation by proper rules and regulations, which rules and  
17 regulations may thereafterwards be amended by said  
18 mayor and aldermen.

SECT. 2. Such rules and regulations shall determine  
2 who shall constitute the examining board and how they  
3 shall be appointed. Said examining board shall consist  
4 of not less than three citizens who shall serve without pay,  
5 and not more than a majority of whom shall be from the  
6 same political party, but shall include the city physician  
7 or some other competent physician or surgeon of approved  
8 reputation and standing. Said rules and regulations shall  
9 provide for supplying all vacancies in such examining  
10 board.

SECT. 3. All such examinations, except the surgical  
2 part thereof shall be public and after reasonable public  
3 notice to be prescribed by said rules and regulations; and  
4 the examiners shall make and file with the city clerk to  
5 remain as part of the public files of the city full reports  
6 of all said examinations with such special details as may  
7 be required by such rules and regulations, and shall state  
8 in said reports which candidates have successfully passed  
9 such examination, and the relative standing of such suc-  
10 cessful candidates. Except as otherwise herein expressly  
11 provided, all said examinations and reports shall be as  
12 provided by said rules and regulations and amendments  
13 thereof.

SECT. 4. All appointments hereafter for any office or  
2 position described in section one, shall be made by the

3 mayor with the approval of the aldermen by selection  
4 from a list of not more than three persons from said suc-  
5 cessful candidates, who have been certified by the examin-  
6 ing board as having attained the highest rank, and all re-  
7 movals from such office or position shall be likewise made  
8 by the mayor with said approval.

SECT. 5. Every appointment of deputy marshal, cap-  
2 tain of the watch, sergeant of police, and all other  
3 appointments to said police or watch except as herein  
4 otherwise provided and except the city marshal or other  
5 head of police, and except detectives not employed in the  
6 ordinary duties of the force, shall be made by selection or  
7 recommendation of the marshal from those persons who  
8 have been members of said police or watch for a con-  
9 tinuous period of at least twelve months before such  
10 appointment.

SECT. 6. The city marshal shall be appointed by and  
2 hold office during the pleasure of the mayor.

SECT. 7. This act shall not apply to policemen or  
2 watchmen not in the pay of the city nor to special police-  
3 men employed temporarily on extraordinary occasions.

SECT. 8. Except as herein expressly provided, this act  
2 shall not take away or impair any authority or power rela-  
3 tive to police or watch vested in the city council, alder-  
4 men, mayor or any other official board of the city of  
5 Portland.

SECT. 9. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }  
February 17, 1885. }

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NICHOLAS FESSENDEN, *Clerk.*