

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

Sixty-Seventh Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 296.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to establish a Police Commission for the city of
Lewiston.

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

SECTION 1. The governor with the advice and consent
2 of the council, shall appoint two citizens of the city of
3 Lewiston, who shall have been residents of said city at
4 least two years, immediately preceding the date of their
5 appointment, who with the mayor of said city, shall con-
6 stitute a board of police of said city who shall be sworn
7 before entering upon duties of their office. One member
8 of said board shall be designated by the governor as chair-
9 man, and two shall constitute a quorum. The term of
10 office of the members appointed by the governor shall be

11 four and five years respectively, as may be designated at
12 the time of their appointment. The full term of office
13 of the members appointed by the governor, after these
14 dates shall be five years from the date of appointment.
15 All vacancies occurring after the passage of this act shall
16 be filled by the governor with the advice and consent of
17 the council. The board of police shall annually appoint
18 one of their number to act as clerk, who shall be sworn
19 and shall keep a record of all proceedings, issue all notices
20 and attest all such papers and orders as said board shall
21 direct.

SECT. 2. Said board of police for said city of Lewiston
2 shall have authority to appoint, establish and organize the
3 police force of their city, including the marshal, deputy
4 marshal and to remove the same for cause and make all
5 needful rules and regulations for its government, control
6 and efficiency, and said police force shall have at least one
7 officer for every one thousand inhabitants of said city.
8 All the powers now vested in the mayor, board of alder-
9 men, and common council, or by the city charter, ordi-
10 nances, by-laws and regulations, of the said city, for the
11 government of the said police, except as may be herein
12 otherwise provided, are hereby conferred upon and vested
13 in said board of police.

SECT. 3. The members of the police force of said city
2 of Lewiston in office when the said board of police are
3 first appointed shall continue to hold their several offices
4 unless removed by the said board of police. The present
5 rules and regulations of the mayor, and board of alder-
6 men for the government of the police shall continue in
7 force until otherwise ordered by said board of police. All
8 police officers appointed by said board of police hereby

9 created shall have and exercise within the limits of said
10 city, all the common law and statutory powers of con-
11 stables, except service of civil process, and all the powers
12 given to police officers by the statutes of the state and
13 the city charter, ordinances, by-laws and regulations of
14 said city.

SECT. 4. The salaries of the members of the said board
2 appointed by the governor shall be voted annually by the
3 municipal officers of said city and paid quarterly from the
4 treasury thereof, but the salary of any member thereof shall
5 not be diminished during the term of his appointment. Said
6 board of police shall be provided with such rooms as
7 shall be convenient and suitable for the performance of its
8 duties, by said city and at its expense. The city shall
9 provide all suitable accommodations for the police of said
10 city, as said board shall require. All rooms in all build-
11 ings and property used by said police shall be under the
12 control of said board. All expenses for the maintenance
13 of said rooms, the pay of the police, and all incidental
14 expenses incurred in the administration of said police,
15 shall be paid by said city upon the requisition of said
16 board. The compensation of the police in said city shall
17 not be diminished below the amount paid, at the time this
18 act is approved without the consent of said board of police.

SECT. 5. Said board of police shall not appoint any
2 larger number of police officers than the present mayor or
3 board of mayor and aldermen, by the statutes of the state,
4 city charter, ordinances, by-laws and rules of said city are
5 now authorized to appoint, except as may be from time to
6 time authorized by said city. Said board shall have the
7 same authority now vested in the appointing power, of

8 appointing from time to time, special officers for special
9 services.

SECT. 6. The board of police shall make a report of its
2 doings annually to the governor of said state and to the city
3 council of said city in the month of December. The records
4 of the said board of police shall at all times be open to the
5 inspection of the governor of the state, or to such persons
6 as may be designated by him.

SECT. 7. This act shall take effect when approved.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
March 6, 1895. }

Reported by Mr. NOBLE of Lewiston, from Committee on Judiciary,
and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*