

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Presented by Mr. Rideout of Manchester.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT to Establish the Maine Municipal Police Training Council.**

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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

**Sec. 1. R. S., T. 30, c. 244, additional.** Title 30 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new chapter 244, as follows:

**CHAPTER 244**

**MAINE MUNICIPAL POLICE TRAINING COUNCIL**

§ 5360. Purposes

The Legislature finds that the administration of justice is of state-wide concern, and that local police work is important to the health, safety and welfare of the people of this State and is of such a nature as to require education and training of a professional character. It is necessary and in the public interest to provide for the creation of the "Maine Municipal Police Training Council" for the purpose of encouraging and aiding municipalities and other local government agencies of the State in their efforts to raise the level of local law enforcement.

§ 5361. Definitions

As used in this chapter, "police officer" means any full-time employee of a municipal police department who is responsible for the prevention and detection of crime and the enforcement of the penal traffic or highway laws and ordinances of Maine and any political subdivision.

§ 5362. Maine Municipal Police Training Council

1. **Membership.** The Maine Municipal Police Training Council shall be composed of 9 members selected as follows: the Chief of the Maine State Police,

the special agent in charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for Maine, the executive secretary of the Maine Municipal Association, who will serve as secretary and the following to be appointed by the Governor with the approval of the Executive Council: 3 municipal police chiefs, a manager of a Maine municipality, a municipal officer and a citizen of Maine.

2. Tenure. Except for the Chief of the Maine State Police, the special agent in charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the executive secretary of the Maine Municipal Association, who shall serve during their continuance in those offices, members shall be appointed by the Governor for terms of 4 years, provided that no member shall serve beyond the time when he holds the office or employment by reason of which he was originally eligible for appointment. The terms of members initially appointed shall be: 2 for 4 years, 2 for 3 years, one for 2 years and one for one year. Any vacancy on the Maine Municipal Police Training Council shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment, but for the unexpired term.

3. Chairman and vice-chairman. The chairman and vice-chairman of the Maine Municipal Training Council shall be designated and selected from the members of the council by the council.

4. Compensation. Members of the Maine Municipal Police Training Council shall serve without compensation, but shall be entitled to receive reimbursement for any actual expenses incurred as a necessary incident to such service.

5. Reports. The council shall report annually to the Governor and Legislature on its activities, and may make such other reports as it deems necessary.

#### § 5363. Powers

The council shall:

1. Programs. Conduct police training programs;
2. Guidelines. Establish guidelines for minimum educational and training standards for admission to employment as a full-time municipal police officer;
3. Standards. Certify police officers meeting minimum educational and training standards;
4. Curriculum. Establish minimum curriculum requirements for preparatory in-service and advanced courses and programs for schools operated by or for the State or any political subdivision thereof for the specific purpose of training local law enforcement officers;
5. Facilities for training. Approve institutions and facilities for training municipal police officers;
6. Contracts. Enter into contracts with the Federal Government or other agencies to do such things as may be necessary and incidental to the administration of its authority pursuant to this chapter.

**Sec. 2. Appropriation.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Maine State Police the sum of \$20,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1969, to carry out the purposes of this Act.