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BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Rideout of Manchester.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-EIGHT

AN ACT to Establish the Maine Law Enforcement Training Council.

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 LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING COUNCIL

§ 5360. Purposes

The Legislature finds that the administration of justice is of statewide concern, and that police work is important to the health, safety and welfare of the people of this State and is of such 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 Law Enforcement Training Council" for the purpose of encouraging and aiding municipalities and other local government agencies of the State in their effort to raise the level of local law enforcement.

§ 5361. Definitions

As used in this chapter, "police officer" means any full-time employee of a police department of a political subdivision 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 Law Enforcement Training Council

1. **Membership.** The Maine Law Enforcement Training Council shall be composed of 10 members selected as follows: The Chief of the Maine State Police, the special agent in charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for Maine, a representative appointed by the Maine Municipal Association, the director of the Bureau of Public Administration at the University of Maine, the Attorney General and the following to be appointed by the Governor with the approval of the Executive Council: Three municipal police chiefs, a county sheriff and a member of the Maine Bar.

2. **Tenure.** Except for the Chief of the Maine State Police, the special agent in charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the director of the Bureau of Public Administration at the University of Maine, 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 by the Governor shall be 2 for 4 years, 2 for 3 years and one for 2 years. The representative appointed by the Maine Municipal Association shall serve a 4-year term. Any vacancy on the Maine Law Enforcement 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 Law Enforcement Training Council shall be designated and selected from the members of the council by the council.

4. **Secretariat.** The Executive Secretary of the Maine Municipal Association shall serve without compensation as secretary to the council until such time as an executive director of the Maine Law Enforcement Training Council is appointed.

5. **Compensation.** Members of the Maine Law Enforcement 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.

6. **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 police officer;
3. **Standards.** Certify police officers meeting minimum educational and training standards;
4. **Curriculum.** Establish minimum curriculum requirements for basic, 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 law enforcement officers;

5. **Facilities for training.** Approve institutions and facilities for police officers;

6. **Contracts.** Accept grants or enter into contracts with the Federal Government or other public or private agencies to do such things as may be necessary and incidental to the administration of its authority pursuant to this chapter;

7. **Personnel.** Employ an executive director and such other personnel as may be necessary in the performance of its functions;

8. **Programs through agencies.** Maintain police training programs through such agencies and institutions as the council may deem appropriate.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Maine State Police the sum of \$25,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1969, to carry out the purposes of this Act.