

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FORTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

No. 51.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND SIXTY-NINE.

AN ACT to establish a state police.

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

SECTION 1. There shall be appointed by the governor and council, an officer to be entitled chief of state police, who shall be commissioned to hold office two years unless sooner removed. He shall appoint as many deputies, not exceeding sixteen, as the governor and council may direct. And any deputy may at any time be removed by the chief of state police, who shall have the power to fill vacancies occasioned by death, removal or resignation.

SECT. 2. The said chief of state police and his deputies, shall have and exercise all the common law and statutory powers of constables except the service

4 of civil process, and also all the powers given to the
5 police or watchmen by the statutes of the state or the
6 charters or ordinances of the several cities concur-
7 rently with such officers, and their powers as such
8 shall extend throughout the state. And it shall be the
9 duty of said officers to see that the laws are enforced
10 and observed in all parts of the state, and they shall
11 especially use their utmost endeavors to repress and
12 prevent crime by the suppression of liquor shops,
13 gambling places and houses of ill fame.

SECT. 3. It shall be the duty of the sheriffs and
2 their deputies, the constables of the state, city mar-
3 shals, chiefs of police, and all other police officers, to
4 aid the chief of the state police and his deputies in
5 the discharge of their duties whenever reasonably
6 notified and called upon for that purpose.

SECT. 4. The chief of the state police shall be paid
2 from the state treasury an annual salary of two thou-
3 sand dollars, in quarterly payments, which shall be in
4 full for his services. And his deputies shall each be
5 paid the sum of three dollars per day for each day's
6 service and necessary travelling expenses when on
7 duty. The accounts of the deputies shall be verified
8 by their affidavits, approved by the chief of state
9 police, audited by the governor and council, and paid
10 from the state treasury on the warrant of the governor.

11 All fees and costs accruing to any deputy for the
12 service of any precept or as witness, shall be by him
13 accounted for and paid to the chief of the state police,
14 who shall pay the same into the state treasury.

SECT. 5. The chief of state police, with the approval
2 of the governor and council, shall make all needful
3 rules for the regulation of the police duties of his
4 deputies, and the governor shall have power at all
5 times in any emergency of which he shall judge, to
6 assume command of the whole or any part of the mu-
7 nicipal or state police in any place, and to authorize
8 the chief of the state police to command their assist-
9 ance in the execution of criminal process, in suppress-
10 ing riots and in preserving the peace of the state.

SECT. 6. This act shall not be construed as releasing
2 the police officers of the towns and cities of the state
3 and the sheriffs and their deputies in the different
4 counties of the state, from their duty to see that all
5 the laws of the state are observed and enforced, it be-
6 ing the design of this act that the police officers herein
7 named shall act in harmony and full co-operation, to
8 the end that the laws may be executed and crime
9 suppressed.

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

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE, March 4, 1869.

Reported by Mr. LUDDEN, from the Joint Select Committee on Prohibitory Liquor Law and State Constabulary, and printed under the Joint Rule.

THOMAS P. CLEAVES, *Secretary.*