

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Sixty-Fifth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 62.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT regulating the appointment and term of office of
the members of the police force of the city of Lewiston.

*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
2 or watch of the city of Lewiston, as policeman, patrol-
3 man, watchman and keeper, or for any position of like
4 rank, or for any position of inferior rank thereto, unless
5 such person shall be a citizen of the United States not
6 under twenty-five years of age, and shall have success-
7 fully passed a competitive examination, as regards the
8 necessary qualifications for the position as herein provided
9 within two years before said appointment, and shall have
10 had a continuous residence in the city of Lewiston for at

11 least two years before said examination, and shall hold
12 such office or position during good behavior and prompt
13 attention to duty. When any policeman, patrolman,
14 watchman or keeper shall have arrived at the age of sixty
15 years he shall be honorably discharged.

SECT. 2. An examining board consisting of three citizens,
2 one of whom shall be a physician or surgeon of approved
3 reputation and standing, shall be appointed as follows:
4 The city committee representing the two political parties
5 casting the highest vote for governor at the State election
6 next preceding the appointment of such board, or any
7 board hereafter, shall within thirty days after the passage
8 of this act appoint two members of said board, who shall
9 hold office and discharge its duties without pay, for a term
10 of four years. Any vacancy arising by the death, or resig-
11 nation of said members shall be filled by appointment from
12 the same political party to which said member belonged at
13 the time of his decease or resignation. The Mayor by and
14 with the consent of the aldermen shall appoint the third
15 member of said board, who shall be a competent physician
16 or surgeon qualified as aforesaid and who shall hold his
17 office for a term of four years, and shall serve without
18 pay.

SECT. 3. Said examining board shall, as soon as may
2 be after their appointment provide for such competitive
3 examination, by proper rules and regulations, which rules
4 and regulations may be changed or amended by said board
5 or any board hereafter appointed.

SECT. 4. 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 report of
6 all said examinations with such special details, as may be
7 required by such rules and regulations, and shall state in
8 said report which candidates have successfully passed such
9 examination; and the relative standing of such success-
10 ful candidates. Except as otherwise herein provided, all
11 said examinations and reports shall be as provided by said
12 rules and regulations and amendments thereof.

SECT. 5. 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 from
4 a list of not more than six persons from said successful can-
5 didates, who have been certified by the examining board,
6 as having attained the highest rank, and all removals from
7 such office or position shall be made by the mayor and
8 aldermen as now provided by law.

SECT. 6. The city marshal and deputy marshal shall be
2 elected as now provided by law by appointment of the
3 mayor with the approval of the alderman and shall hold
4 office as now provided by law. The city marshal shall
5 appoint the captain of the night watch from the member of
6 the force appointed as herein provided.

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

SECT. 8. Except as herein expressly provided, this act
2 shall not take away or impair any authority or power
3 relative to police or watch vested by law in the mayor and
4 aldermen or city council of said city of Lewiston.

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

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 6, 1891. }

Tabled, pending reference to Committee on Legal Affairs, by Mr.
NOBLE of Lewiston, and ordered printed.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*