

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

Sixty-Sixth Legislature.

HOUSE.

No. 323.

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to establish a Board of Police of the City of
Biddeford.

*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 Biddeford in this State, who shall have been residents of
4 this State and said city of Biddeford for at least two
5 years immediately preceding the date of their appoint-
6 ment, who with the mayor of said city shall constitute a
7 board of police of said city and who shall be sworn before
8 entering upon the duties of their office. One member of
9 said board shall be designated by the governor as chair-

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

SECT. 2. Said board of police of the city of Biddeford
2 shall have authority to appoint, establish and organize the
3 police force of said city, including the marshal and 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. All the powers now vested in the mayor,
7 board of aldermen and common council, or by the city
8 charter, ordinances, by-laws and regulations of the said
9 city for the government of its said police, except as may
10 herein be otherwise provided, are hereby conferred upon
11 and vested in said board of police.

SECT. 3. The members of the police force of said city
2 of Biddeford in office when said board of police are first
3 appointed shall continue to hold their several offices unless
4 removed by said board of police. The present rules and
5 regulations of the mayor and board of aldermen for the

6 government of the police shall continue in force until
7 otherwise order by said board of police. All police
8 officers appointed by said board of police hereby created
9 shall have and exercise within the limits of said city all
10 the common law and statutory powers of constables,
11 except service of civil process, and all the powers given
12 to police officers by the statutes of the State and the city
13 charter, ordinances, by-laws and regulations of said city.

SECT. 4. The salaries of the members of said board
2 appointed by the governor shall be voted annually by
3 the municipal officers of said city and paid quarterly from
4 the treasury thereof, but the salary of any member of
5 said board shall not be diminished during the term of his
6 appointment. Said board of police shall be provided with
7 such rooms as shall be convenient and suitable for the
8 performance of its duties, by said city and at its expense.
9 The said city shall provide all such suitable accommoda-
10 tions for the police of said city as said board shall require.
11 All rooms in all buildings, and all property, used by said
12 police shall be under the control of said board of police.
13 All expenses for the maintenance of said rooms, the pay
14 of the police and all incidental expenses incurred in the
15 administration of said police, shall be paid by said city
16 upon the requisition of said board. The compensation
17 of the police in said city shall not be diminished below
18 the amount paid said police for and during the year 1892,
19 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 statute 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 same
7 authority now vested in the appointing power, of appoint-
8 ing from time to time, special officers for special services.

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

SECT. 7. All acts and parts of acts, public and private,
2 inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

SECT. 8. This act shall take effect when approved.

MAJORITY REPORT.

A majority of the Committee on Legal Affairs to which was referred the bill, entitled "AN ACT to establish Boards of Police" have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report the same in a new draft, under title of "AN ACT to establish a Board of Police of the city of Biddeford."

LIBBY,
HERSEY,
SPOFFORD,
MORRILL^A
PURINGTON,
MATHEWS,
EMERSON,
WEEKS.

MINORITY REPORT.

The minority of Committee on Legal Affairs to which was referred the bill, entitled "An Act to establish Boards of Police" have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report that the same ought not to pass.

SCOTT.



STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
March 10, 1893. }

Tabled, pending acceptance of either report, by Mr. MORRILL of
Portland; both reports and bill ordered printed.

W. S. COTTON, *Clerk.*