

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 249

STATE OF MAINE.

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

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

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

Sect. 1. The municipal officers of the City of Waterville
2 shall, in the month of April, A. D. 1909, appoint three citi-
3 zens of said City of Waterville, who shall have been resi-
4 dents of this State and said city for at least two years imme-
5 diately preceding the date of their appointment; one member
6 at least to be appointed from each of the two political parties
7 casting the largest number of votes at the last State elec-
8 tion, who shall constitute a Board of Police for said city, and
9 who shall be sworn before entering upon the duties of their

10 office. The chairman shall be designated by said board an-
11 nually at the first meeting to be held on the first Monday in
12 May, to act for one year, and two members present at any
13 meeting shall constitute a quorum. The term of office of
14 the members appointed by the municipal officers shall be
15 one, two and three years respectively, as may be designated
16 at the time of their appointment. The full term of office
17 of the members so appointed after these dates shall be three
18 years from the date of their appointment. All vacancies
19 occurring after the passage of this act shall be filled by the
20 municipal officers of said City of Waterville from the same
21 political party. The board shall annually appoint one of
22 their members to act as clerk, who shall be sworn and keep
23 a record of all proceedings.

Sect. 2. Said Board of Police of the City of Waterville
2 shall have authority to appoint, establish and organize the
3 police force of said city, and to remove any member of the
4 same for cause, and make all needful rules and regulations
5 for its government, control and efficiency. The Marshal and
6 Deputy Marshal shall be appointed from said force. All
7 powers now vested in the Mayor, Board of Aldermen and
8 Common Council by the city charter, ordinances, by-laws and
9 regulations of the said city for the government of its said
10 police, except as may be herein otherwise provided, are here-
11 by conferred upon and vested in said Board of Police.

Sect. 3. The present rules and regulations of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen for the government of the police shall continue in force until otherwise ordered by said Board of Police. All police officers appointed by said Board of Police, hereby created shall have and exercise within the limits of said city all the common law and statutory powers of constables, except services of civil processes, and all the powers given to police officers by the statutes of the State and the city charter, ordinances, by-laws and regulations of said city.

Sect. 4. The chairman shall be the executive of the board. All communications to the police department or to any member thereof shall be made through him, and all notices, papers and orders of said board shall be issued by him, or by the clerk of said board by his direction, and shall be attested by him as executive of said board.

Sect. 5. The salaries of the members of the Board appointed by the municipal officers shall be voted annually by the city council of said city and paid monthly from the treasury thereof, but the salary of any member of the board shall not be diminished during the term of his appointment. Said Board of Police shall be provided with such rooms as shall be convenient and suitable for the performance of its duties, by said city and at its expense. The said city shall provide all such suitable accommodations for the police of said city as said board shall require. All rooms in all buildings and

11 all property used by said police shall be under the control of
12 said Board of Police. All expenses for the maintenance of
13 said rooms, the pay of the police, and all incidental expenses
14 incurred in the administration of said police shall be paid by
15 said city after having the approval of said board. The com-
16 pensation of the police in said city shall not be diminished
17 below the amount paid said police for and during the year
18 nineteen hundred and eight, without the consent of said
19 Board of Police.

Sect. 6. Said Board of Police shall have the same author-
2 ity now vested in the appointing power, of appointing from
3 time to time special officers for special services, and for such
4 period of time, not exceeding one year, as they shall see fit.

Sect. 7. Said Board of Police shall make a report of its
2 doings annually to the city council of said city on the tenth
3 day of February, for the municipal year last past. The rec-
4 ords of said Board of Police shall be at all times open to the
5 inspection of the municipal officers of said city, or to such
6 persons as may be designated by them.

Sect. 8. For the purpose of organizing the police system
2 hereby established for the city of Waterville, the said Board
3 of Police shall, on the first day of May, A. D. 1909, or as
4 soon thereafter as may be and not later than the thirtieth day
5 of May, A. D. 1909, appoint nine regular police officers for
6 said city, five of whom, at least, shall have served in said
7 City of Waterville as regular patrolmen, as City Marshal or

8 as Deputy City Marshal continuously for not less than one
9 year within the two years prior to said May 1st, A. D. 1909;
10 and said board shall appoint the Marshal and Deputy Mar-
11 shal from the force so established.

Sect. 9. All acts and parts of acts, public and private, in-
2 consistent with this act, are hereby repealed.

STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Augusta, Feb. 19, 1909.

Tabled pending reference to a committee by Mr. FORTIER
of Waterville and ordered printed.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*