

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE.

No. 7

STATE OF MAINE.

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

AN ACT to create a State Police Force.

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

Section 1. A State police force is hereby created to consist of a chief of said force and three additional members, all of whom shall be males. Each member thereof shall be appointed by the governor and shall hold his office during his good behavior, and may be removed by the governor at any time for just cause.

Sect. 2. The governor shall appoint one of the members of the State police to be chief thereof who shall, subject to the approval of the governor, make all needful rules for the government of the State police, for reports to be made by them and for the performance of their duties. He shall annually

6 on or before the first day of January, report the doings of the
7 State police, to the governor. He shall be provided with an
8 office at the State capitol, with suitable furniture, stationery
9 and other facilities for the transaction of business of the force
10 and may employ a clerk at the expense of the State.

Sect. 3. Each member shall receive an annual salary of
2 fifteen hundred dollars, and his actual traveling and neces-
3 sary expenses when on duty. The chief shall receive an
4 annual salary of two thousand dollars and his actual travel-
5 ing and necessary expenses when on duty. These salaries
6 shall be paid in monthly instalments. All fees received by
7 members of the State police shall be paid over by them to the
8 State treasurer, and no salary shall be paid to any officer until
9 he has made oath that he has paid over all such fees. Their
10 accounts shall be verified by oath, and shall be approved by
11 the chief before being presented to the treasurer for pay-
12 ment.

Sect. 4. Each member shall, before entering upon the per-
2 formance of his duties, be sworn to the faithful performance
3 thereof, and shall give bond to the State treasurer for the
4 faithful discharge of his duties in the sum of twenty-five
5 hundred dollars. He may be required by the governor to
6 renew said bond from time to time, and, unless his oath of
7 office is taken and his bond approved and filed within twenty
8 days after his appointment, such appointment shall be void.

Sect. 5. The State police shall have and exercise throughout
2 the State all the powers of sheriffs, deputy sheriffs and con-

3 stables, except the service of civil process; provided, how-
4 ever, that in the performance of their duties, they shall be
5 restricted to offenses of the grade of felonies. Upon infor-
6 mation received by them of the commission of any felony
7 within the State, they shall immediately investigate such
8 felony and apprehend the felon.

Sect. 6. A State police officer who directly or indirectly
2 receives a reward, gift or gratuity on account of his official
3 services shall be punished by a fine of not more than one
4 hundred dollars, or by imprisonment for not more than three
5 months; and shall also be discharged from office.

Sect. 7. Constables and all police officers shall, within
2 their respective cities and towns, aid the State police in the
3 performance of their duties whenever called upon for that
4 purpose; and any such officer who refuses so to do when
5 called upon shall be punished by a fine of not more than one
6 hundred dollars or by imprisonment for not more than three
7 months.

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

STATE OF MAINE.

IN SENATE,

January 13, 1909.

Taken from files of last session and on motion by MR. HAMILTON
of York, laid on table for printing, pending reference to a committee.

F. G. FARRINGTON, *Secretary*.