

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE.

No. 131

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## STATE OF MAINE.

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

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AN ACT to amend the Private and Special laws pertaining to  
appointments to the Police Department of the City of Port-  
land.

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

Section 1. Section 6 of chapter 486 of the Private and  
2 Special Laws of 1885 is hereby amended so that as amended  
3 it shall read as follows:

Section 6. The chief of police shall be appointed by the  
5 mayor and shall hold office during good behavior, subject,  
6 however, after a hearing, to removal at any time by the  
7 mayor by and with the advice and consent of the aldermen.  
8 for inefficiency or other cause. The mayor may, for cause,  
9 suspend the chief of police from duty and such suspension

10 shall continue in force until the next meeting of the alder-  
11 men. Upon the suspension of the chief of police, the duties  
12 of his office shall devolve temporarily upon the captain of  
13 police having seniority of appointment.'

Sect. 2. Section 1 of Chapter 252 of the Private and Spe-  
2 cial laws of 1887 is hereby amended so that as amended it  
3 shall read as follows:

'Section 2. Excepting as hereinafter provided, every ap-  
5 pointment of captain of police shall be made by the mayor  
6 by selection, on recommendation of the chief of police, from  
7 those persons who have been regular members of the police  
8 force for a continuous period of at least twelve months be-  
9 fore such appointment, and they may be reduced to the rank  
10 of policemen by the mayor, upon the written recommenda-  
11 tion of the chief of police. They may be removed or sus-  
12 pended in the manner provided in chapter 16 of the Private  
13 and Special Laws of 1878. The present captains of police  
14 shall be eligible to appointment as captains of police, and,  
15 if appointed, may be removed in the manner hereinbefore  
16 provided, but shall not be reduced to the rank of police-  
17 men.'

Sect. 3. The city council of the City of Portland may by  
2 ordinance classify policemen and may provide for the ap-  
3 pointment of police sergeants who shall be taken from the  
4 police ranks.

Sect. 4. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this  
2 act are hereby repealed.



STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE,

February 4, 1909.

Reported by Mr. BAXTER from Portland delegation and  
ordered printed and recommitted.

F. G. FARRINGTON, *Secretary*.