

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# SEVENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE.

No. 180

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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 charter of City of Westbrook.

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

Section 1. For the purpose of changing the method of  
2 appointment and term of office of the police officers of the  
3 police department of the City of Westbrook, designated as  
4 regular policemen.

Sect. 2. To amend "section 20" of section 1 of chapter  
2 257 of the Private Laws of 1907 of the State of Maine, so  
3 as to read as follows:

'Section 20. All the powers of establishing watch and  
5 ward, now vested by the laws of the State in the justices  
6 of the peace, and municipal officers or inhabitants of the  
7 town are, so far as relates to said city, vested in the city

8 council, and they are authorized to unite the watch and  
9 police departments into one department, and establish suit-  
10 able regulations for the government of the same. The offi-  
11 cers of the police shall be one chief, to be styled the city  
12 marshal, so many deputy marshals as the city council shall  
13 by ordinance prescribe, and so many watchmen and police  
14 as the city council may from time to time adjudge necessary;  
15 such police, except marshals and deputy marshals and police-  
16 men who may be appointed for special occasions, to hold of-  
17 fice until reaching the age of sixty years or during good be-  
18 havior, to be designated as regular police, and to be elected  
19 by the city council upon recommendation of a committee or  
20 board of five, which said committee or board shall be made  
21 up and appointed in the following manner: One member  
22 of the committee or board from each ward in the city nom-  
23 inated by the aldermen from the ward in which the member  
24 is resident and confirmed by the city council. One member  
25 at least of which committee or board shall be a physician.  
26 The duty of this committee shall be to examine all appli-  
27 cants for the position of regular policemen, ranking the  
28 same according to their mental and physical condition, so  
29 that when a vacancy occurs in the ranks of the regular po-  
30 lice, the applicant who has passed the highest examination  
31 during the preceding three years, shall be the eligible can-  
32 didate to be confirmed by the city council. If, for any rea-  
33 son, a candidate passing the highest examination is not con-  
34 firmed by the city council or withdraws, then the candidates

35 shall be presented for confirmation by the city council in the  
36 order of their standing when passing the examination.

‘The tenure of office of the members of this committee or  
38 board shall be for five years, one member to be elected each  
39 year, except that the members elected upon this committee  
40 or board during the year 1909, shall by lot decide the tenure  
41 of their office one retiring each year. The said committee  
42 or board to have power to make suitable rules for its own  
43 government.

‘This act shall in no wise be held to affect the status of the  
45 present members of the police force of the City of West-  
46 brook, and shall in no wise effect the length of their terms  
47 of service.’

Sect. 3. This act to take effect when approved by the  
2 Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Maine  
3 in Legislature assembled, and accepted by a majority vote  
4 of the said city council of the City of Westbrook.

STATE OF MAINE.

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IN SENATE,

February 15, 1909.

Came from the House referred to the Committee on Judiciary and on motion by Mr. WHEELER of Cumberland tabled for printing pending reference in concurrence.

F. G. FARRINGTON, *Secretary*.