

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

NO. 450

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*In Senate, March 7, 1913.*

*Presented by Senator Cole of York, and on motion by same Senator laid on the table for printing pending reference to a committee.*

*W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to create a State Police.

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

Section 1. There shall be a state police force divided into  
2 an inspection department and a detective department. The  
3 inspection department shall consist of the chief of said  
4 force and four members; the detective department shall  
5 consist of said chief and twelve members. The chief shall  
6 be the head of each of said departments. Each member  
7 of the state police force shall be appointed by the governor  
8 for a term of four years, and may be removed by him.  
9 Vacancies in either of said departments shall be filled by  
10 appointment to the department in which the vacancy occurs.

Sect. 2. The governor shall designate one of the state  
2 police to be the chief thereof, who shall have his office in  
3 Augusta and who shall, subject to the approval of the gov-  
4 ernor, make all needful rules for the government of the  
5 state police, for reports to be made by them and for the  
6 performance of their duties.

Sect. 3. The chief of the state police may appoint in his  
2 office one clerk, at a salary to be fixed by said chief with  
3 the approval of the governor, which shall be paid by the  
4 state.

Sect. 4. Each member shall, before entering upon the  
2 performance of his duties, be sworn to the faithful per-  
3 formance thereof, and shall give bond to the treasurer of  
4 the state with sureties approved by the governor, in the  
5 sum of two thousand dollars, conditioned faithfully to per-  
6 form his official duties and to account for all property which  
7 may come into his possession as such officer. He may be  
8 required by the governor to renew said bond from time to  
9 time and, unless his oath of office is taken and his bond  
10 approved and filed within ten days after the date of his  
11 appointment, such appointment shall be void.

Sect. 5. Each member shall receive a compensation of  
2 three dollars per diem and his actual and necessary expenses  
3 when on duty. The chief shall receive an annual salary  
4 of fifteen hundred dollars. All fees received by the mem-  
5 bers of the state police shall be paid over by them to the  
6 treasurer, and no compensation shall be paid to any officer

7 until he has made oath that he has paid over all such fees.  
8 Their accounts shall be verified by oath, and shall be ap-  
9 proved by the chief before being presented to the auditor.

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. The state police shall have and exercise through-  
2 out the state all the powers of constables, except the service  
3 of civil process, and of police officers and watchmen. The  
4 governor may at any time command their services in sup-  
5 pressing riots and in preserving the peace; but, except as  
6 aforesaid, a member of the inspection department shall not  
7 be required to perform any other duties than such as ap-  
8 pertain to that department.

Sect. 8. The members of the inspection department of  
2 the state police shall make all inspections of factories and  
3 other public buildings required by law to be made by state  
4 officers, and shall enforce the provisions of law concerning  
5 same. The members of the detective department shall have  
6 jurisdiction to enforce the provisions of chapters one hun-  
7 dred and eighteen to one hundred and twenty-nine inclu-  
8 sive, also the provisions of chapter twenty-eight, section  
9 forty-six, concerning the investigation of the causes of fires,  
10 and at the request of the attorney general shall assist the

11 county attorneys in the investigation, preparation and trial  
12 of criminal causes.

Sect. 9. Constables, city marshals, chiefs of police and  
2 all other police officers shall, within their respective cities  
3 and towns, aid the governor in the performance of his du-  
4 ties whenever called upon for that purpose.

Sect. 10. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith  
2 are hereby repealed.

Sect. 11. This act shall take effect upon its approval.