

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 409

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ordered printed under joint rules.*

W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Provide for the Establishment of a Board of
Recreation for the City of Portland.

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

Section 1. A commission, to be styled the recreation com-
2 mission for the city of Portland, is hereby established.

Sect. 2. The recreation commission shall be composed of
2 seven members, consisting of the mayor, one alderman to
3 be elected by the board of aldermen, two councilmen, one
4 from each party, to be appointed by the president of the
5 common council, the chief of police, one member of the
6 school committee to be elected by the superintending school

7 committee, and one member of the park commission to be
8 elected by the board of park commissioners. Each member
9 of this commission shall serve for one year, and shall be
10 elected on the second Monday in December in each year, or
11 as soon thereafter as may be, except that the mayor and
12 chief of police shall serve without election by virtue of their
13 respective offices; and vacancies shall be filled in the same
14 manner.

Sect. 3. The mayor shall be the chairman of the recrea-
2 tion commission. The members of the recreation commis-
3 sion shall serve without compensation, and from their own
4 number, elect a secretary and other necessary officers to
5 serve for one year, or until their successors are elected.
6 The recreation commission shall have power to adopt rules
7 of procedure and prescribe regulations for the conduct of
8 all business within its jurisdiction. A majority of the mem-
9 bership of the board shall constitute a quorum.

Sect. 4. The recreation commission shall have power to
2 organize, manage and supervise the various playgrounds,
3 recreation centers, beach and bathing grounds, bath houses,
4 winter sports, skating ponds, either natural or artificial,
5 outdoor entertainments, and other facilities for recreation
6 of which it may be given charge as provided herein; and to
7 employ and discharge such supervisors, instructors and
8 other necessary subordinates and to order the payment for
9 the services of the same from such fund as is herein cre-
10 ated.

Sect. 5. The city council may, by ordinance from time to time hereafter, permit the recreation commission to have the use of any lands now held by the city or hereafter acquired by it by gift, devise, purchase, lease, or license, and said city council may also by ordinance or otherwise transfer from the care of the park commission to the charge of the recreation commission any playgrounds, ponds, or beaches, adaptable for playgrounds or recreation purposes and by such ordinances or otherwise determine the time, terms and conditions of said transfer.

Sect. 6. For the purposes of carrying out the provisions of this act, the board of park commissioners are hereby ordered, authorized and directed to pay over to the recreation commission annually ten per centum of the amount annually appropriated by the city council of the city of Portland for park purposes, said ten per centum to be paid in equal quarterly payments on the first day of January, April, July and October of each year.

Sect. 7. This act shall not limit or affect in any way the authority conferred by law upon the park commission of said city to lay out and improve the public parks, promenades, squares, cemeteries and public grounds in said city nor shall it apply to any land acquired by the city by gift, devise, purchase or otherwise for park purposes.

Sect. 8. The recreation commission shall annually make a report of its proceedings during the preceding year to the

3 city council, with such recommendations for the develop-
4 ment of playgrounds and recreation facilities, including ad-
5 ditions thereto, as it may deem advisable.

Sect. 9. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith
2 are repealed hereby.