

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 324

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W. R. ROIX, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Bartlett of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to provide a police board for the city of Waterville.

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

Section 1. The power and duty of appointing and discharging watchmen and police in the city of Waterville shall be vested in a police board consisting of the mayor and four other members, not more than two of whom shall be chosen from any one political party. Said four members shall be chosen by the joint convention of the city council at the first meeting held after this act takes effect. Immediately after their election they shall determine their term of office by lot,

9 so that one shall hold office for one year from and including
10 the first day of January next after their election, one for two
11 years, one for three years, and one for four years, and
12 thereafterward at the first regular meeting of the city govern-
13 ment in the month of December of each year, one member of
14 said board shall be chosen for a term of four years. When-
15 ever a vacancy occurs on said board otherwise than by the
16 expiration of a member's term of office, a successor shall be
17 chosen to fill the unexpired term in like manner as above
18 provided.

Sect. 2. Immediately after the first election of the four
2 members provided for above, they, together with the mayor,
3 shall meet and organize by choosing one of their number
4 chairman of the board. They shall also choose a clerk, who
5 may be one of their own number, and shall keep a record of
6 all meetings and doings of the board, which shall be a public
7 record. All watchmen and police shall be appointed by said
8 board for terms of five years each, and shall be eligible to
9 reappointment. No first appointment shall be made until the
10 applicant therefor shall have been subjected to a written ex-
11 amination fairly designed to test his fitness and capacity for
12 such a position. The board may also give such further oral
13 examination as they see fit.

Sect. 3. No regard shall be paid by said board to the
2 political affiliations of any applicant for appointment, and no
3 appointee while in office shall serve as a member of any
4 political committee, or campaign committee, or actively at-

5 tempt to influence voters or elections in any way, shape, or
6 manner whatever.

Sect. 4. Any officer appointed under the provisions of this
2 act shall be subject to removal only by said police board
3 after hearing and investigation which may be initiated by
4 said board without formal complaint, or on a written com-
5 plaint filed by any citizen.

Sect. 5. The city council may not authorize the appoint-
2 ment of more than one deputy marshal.