

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

NO. 338

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*In Senate, March 15, 1917.*

*Reported by Mr. Wood from Committee on Legal Affairs  
and ordered printed under joint rules.*

*W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.*

*Presented by Mr. Higgins of Penobscot.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT regulating the appointment of the members of the  
Police force of the City of Brewer.

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

Section 1. No person shall be appointed to the police or  
2 watch of the City of Brewer, as policeman, patrolman,  
3 watchman or keeper, or for any position of like rank, or  
4 for any position of inferior rank thereto, unless such person  
5 shall be a citizen of the United States, not under twenty-five  
6 years of age, and shall have had a continuous residence in  
7 the City of Brewer for at least two years before said ap-  
8 pointment. He shall hold such office or position during

9 good behavior and prompt attention to duty, except that  
10 when any policeman, patrolman, watchman or keeper shall  
11 have arrived at the age of sixty-five years, he shall be hon-  
12 orably discharged.

Sect. 2. All appointments hereafter for any office or posi-  
2 tion described in section 1, shall be made by the Mayor, with  
3 the approval of the aldermen, and all removals from such  
4 office or position shall likewise be made by the Mayor with  
5 the approval of the aldermen, said removal, however, shall  
6 be made only after due notice and hearing given said offi-  
7 cer sought to be removed.

Sect. 3. Every appointment of Deputy Marshal, Captain,  
2 Sergeant of Police, except City Marshal, and except Detec-  
3 tives, not employed in the ordinary duties of the force, shall  
4 be made by said Mayor, with the approval of the aldermen,  
5 on recommendation of the City Marshal, from those persons  
6 already members of said police or watch.

Sect. 4. The Chief of Police, who shall be styled the City  
2 Marshal, shall be elected by the City Council, as now pro-  
3 vided by law.

Sect. 5. This Act shall not apply to policemen and watch-  
2 men not in the pay of the City, nor to special policemen em-  
3 ployed temporarily on extraordinary occasions.

Section 6. When this Act shall take effect the terms of  
2 office of all regular policemen of said City, then holding of-  
3 fice, shall forthwith terminate, and forthwith thereafter, ap-  
4 pointments of policemen shall be made by the Mayor, with

5 the approval of the Aldermen, as herein provided, and the  
6 tenure of office of said policemen so appointed shall be in  
7 accordance with the provisions of this Act.

Sect. 7. Except as herein expressly provided this act shall  
2 not take away, or impair, any authority or power relative  
3 to police or watch vested in the City Council, Aldermen,  
4 Mayor or any other officer of the City of Brewer.