

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

NO. 18

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In Senate, Jan. 16, 1919.

Referred to committee on Legal Affairs and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

L. ERNEST THORNTON, Sec. Pro. Tem.

Presented by Senator Parent of Androscoggin.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to amend chapter thirty-seven of the Private and Special Laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen, entitled "An Act to Provide a Police Commission for the City of Lewiston and to Promote the Efficiency of the Police Department thereof."

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

Section 1. Section four of chapter thirty-seven of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen is hereby amended by striking out the last sentence thereof and substituting therefor the following: 'Said board shall have and exercise all the powers and be charged with all the duties relative to the police force, police department

7 and police property of the city of Lewiston conferred  
8 upon the mayor, the municipal officers or the city council of  
9 Lewiston at the time of the passage of this act, as fully as  
10 if the same had been herein particularly enumerated, in-  
11 cluding all powers and duties relative to the organization,  
12 appointment and control of said police force and the equip-  
13 ment and maintenance of said police department, together  
14 with such other powers and duties as are conferred or im-  
15 posed upon it by the terms of this act. All cost and ex-  
16 penses incurred in connection therewith shall be chargeable  
17 to the city of Lewiston and paid by the city treasurer,' so  
18 that said section as amended shall read as follows :

'Sect. 4. The board of police commissioners hereby  
2 created shall have full power and authority, subject to the  
3 provisions of this act, to organize and establish the police  
4 force of the city of Lewiston and to make all rules and  
5 regulations for the government, control and efficiency of  
6 the same. Said board shall have and exercise all the powers  
7 and be charged with all the duties relative to the police  
8 force, police department and police property of the city of  
9 Lewiston conferred upon the mayor, the municipal officers  
10 or the city council of Lewiston at the time of the passage  
11 of this act, as fully as if the same had been herein particu-  
12 larly enumerated, including all powers and duties relative  
13 to the organization, appointment and control of said police  
14 force and the equipment and maintenance of said police  
15 department, together with such other powers and duties as

16 are conferred or imposed upon it by the terms of this act.  
17 All cost and expenses incurred in connection therewith  
18 shall be chargeable to the city of Lewiston and paid by the  
19 city treasurer.'

Sect. 2. Section ten of said chapter thirty-seven is hereby  
2 amended by striking out the words and figures "two dollars  
3 and fifty cents (\$2.50)" in the third and fourth lines thereof  
4 and substituting therefor the words and figures 'three dollars  
5 (\$3.00)'; also by striking out the words and figures "one  
6 hundred dollars (\$100) in the ninth and tenth lines  
7 thereof and substituting therefor the words and figures  
8 'one hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$125)'; also by  
9 inserting after the word "payable" in the tenth line thereof  
10 the word 'weekly,' so that said section as amended shall  
11 read as follows:

'Sect. 10. Special patrolmen (with pay) shall be ap-  
2 pointed by the chief of police from a list furnished him by  
3 the police commission, for a period of from one to thirty  
4 days; and such special patrolmen shall receive a salary of  
5 three dollars (\$3.00) per day, to be paid by the city treasurer  
6 upon approval by the chief of police. Special patrolmen  
7 (without pay) may be appointed by the chief of police for  
8 a period not more than one year for private duty. The  
9 board of commissioners shall have power and authority to  
10 appoint from time to time not more than two inspectors  
11 at one and the same time, who shall receive a compensa-  
12 tion of one hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$125) per

13 month, while so employed, payable weekly by the city  
14 treasurer, with such duties as shall be determined by the  
15 board of commissioners.'

Sect. 3. Section eleven of said chapter thirty-seven is  
2 hereby amended by striking out the words and figures "five  
3 hundred dollars (\$500) per annum payable by the city treas-  
4 urer" in the fourth and fifth lines thereof and substituting  
5 therefor the words and figures 'seven hundred dollars  
6 (\$700) per annum payable in equal weekly installments by  
7 city treasurer' so that said section as amended shall read  
8 as follows:

'Sect. 11. A police matron shall be appointed by said  
2 board of commissioners for a term of two years with such  
3 duties and powers as may be delegated by said board of  
4 police commissioners. The salary of said police matron  
5 shall be seven hundred dollars (\$700) per annum payable in  
6 equal weekly installments by the city treasurer.'

Sect. 4. Section fourteen of said chapter thirty-seven is  
2 hereby amended by striking out the words and figures "fee  
3 of five dollars (\$5) for each meeting which they attend,  
4 payable by the city treasurer," in the second and third lines  
5 thereof and substituting therefor the words and figures  
6 'salary of five hundred dollars (\$500), per annum, payable  
7 in equal monthly installments by the city treasurer,' so that  
8 said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 14. The police commissioners shall each receive  
2 a salary of five hundred dollars (\$500) per annum, payable

3 in equal monthly installments by the city treasurer. They  
4 shall assemble at the call of the chairman of the board.'

Sect. 5. Section fifteen of said chapter thirty-seven is  
2 hereby amended by striking out the words and figures  
3 "fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500)" in the second line thereof  
4 and substituting therefor the words and figures 'eighteen  
5 hundred dollars (\$1800)'; also by striking out the word  
6 "monthly" in the third line thereof and substituting therefor  
7 the word 'weekly', so that said section as amended shall read  
8 as follows:

'Sect. 15. The salary of the chief of police shall be  
2 eighteen hundred dollars (\$1800) per annum, payable in  
3 equal weekly installments by the city treasurer. The chief  
4 of police shall be entitled to two weeks vacation each calen-  
5 dar year (with pay) the same to be taken when and as he  
6 may desire. While upon such vacation or when incapaci-  
7 tated through illness or absent from his office on the busi-  
8 ness of the department, the duties of his position shall be  
9 assumed by the senior captain.'

Sect. 6. Section sixteen of said chapter thirty-seven is  
2 hereby amended by inserting after the word "shall" in the  
3 first line thereof the word 'each'; also by striking out  
4 the words and figures "twelve hundred dollars (\$1200)"  
5 in the second line thereof and substituting therefor the  
6 words and figures 'fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500)'; also  
7 by striking out the word "monthly" in the third line thereof  
8 and substituting therefor the word 'weekly'; also by strik-

9 ing out the words “they shall” in the third line thereof, so  
10 that said section as amended shall read as follows:

‘Sect. 16. Police captains shall each receive a salary  
2 of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500) per annum, payable in  
3 equal weekly installments by the city treasurer and be en-  
4 titled to a vacation of two weeks each calendar year (with  
5 pay), such vacation to be prescribed by the chief of police.’

Sect. 7. Section seventeen of said chapter thirty-seven is  
2 hereby amended by striking out the word “patrolmen” in  
3 the first line thereof and substituting therefor the words  
4 ‘each patrolman’; also by striking out the words and figures  
5 “one thousand dollars (\$1000)” in the second line thereof  
6 and substituting therefor the words and figures ‘thirteen  
7 hundred dollars (\$1300)’; also by striking out the words  
8 and figures “eleven hundred dollars (\$1100)” in the third  
9 line thereof and substituting therefor the words and figures  
10 ‘fourteen hundred dollars (\$1400)’, so that said section as  
11 amended shall read as follows:

‘Sect. 17. The salary of each patrolman shall be thirteen  
2 hundred dollars (\$1300) per year, until he shall have served  
3 five years when he shall receive fourteen hundred dollars  
4 (\$1400) per year, payable in equal weekly installments by  
5 the city treasurer. Each patrolman shall be entitled to a  
6 vacation of two weeks in each calendar year (with pay) at  
7 such time as may be prescribed by the chief of police.’