

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE**

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**H. P. No. 698**

**H. D. No. 163**

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House of Representatives, Feb. 17, 1925.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Holmes of Lewiston.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE

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AN ACT Relating to the Police Commission of Lewiston,  
Requiring the Commissioners to be Appointed by the Mayor,  
and Providing a Referendum to the Electors of Lewiston.

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

Section 1. Section two of chapter thirty-seven of the pri-  
2 vate and special laws of the year nineteen hundred and  
2 seventeen is hereby amended by striking out the words  
4 "governor with the advice and consent of his council. In  
5 the first instance one shall be appointed for six years, one  
6 for four years and one for two years," in the third, fourth  
7 and fifth lines thereof, and inserting in place thereof the  
8 words, 'mayor of Lewiston for a term each of six years';

9 and by striking out the word “governor” in the seventh  
10 line, and inserting in place thereof the word ‘mayor’; and  
11 by adding to said section two the following words: ‘The  
12 commissioners serving at the time when this amendment  
13 takes effect shall continue to serve until the expiration of  
14 their terms, but at the expiration of each term the successor  
15 shall be appointed by the mayor.’ So that said section two  
16 as amended shall read as follows:

‘Sect. 2. *Commission. Composition. Appointment. Ten-*  
2 *ure. Vacancies.* Said board of police commissioners shall  
3 consist of three resident citizens of Lewiston. The com-  
4 missioners shall be appointed by the mayor of Lewiston  
5 for a term each of six years. At the expiration of each  
6 of said terms a commissioner shall be appointed for a full  
7 term of six years. In case of any vacancy in the commis-  
8 sion the mayor shall appoint a member thereto for the bal-  
9 ance of said unexpired term. The members of the com-  
10 mission shall be appointed from the two political parties  
11 receiving the largest number of votes in the last preceding  
12 state election. No more than two of said members shall  
13 be from the same political party. The commissioners serv-  
14 ing at the time when this amendment takes effect shall con-  
15 tinue to serve until the expiration of their terms, but at the  
16 expiration of each term the successor shall be appointed by  
17 the mayor.’

Sect. 2. *Provision for local referendum. Form of bal-*  
2 *lots. Conduct of election.* This act shall be submitted for

3 approval or rejection to the qualified voters of the city of  
4 Lewiston at an election to be held on the first Tuesday in  
5 October in the year nineteen hundred and twenty-five, and  
6 warrants shall be issued for such election in the manner  
7 now provided by law for the holding of municipal elections,  
8 notifying and warning the qualified voters of said city to  
9 meet in the several ward meetings of said city, there to  
10 cast their ballot concerning the approval or rejection of  
11 this act, and if the same be approved to act as a repeal of  
12 section two of chapter thirty-seven of the private and spe-  
13 cial laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen.

Said ballot shall be in the form provided by law when a  
2 constitutional amendment is submitted to the vote of the  
3 people. The provisions of law relating to the preparation  
4 of voting lists for municipal elections shall apply to such  
5 election and said election shall in all other respects be con-  
6 ducted as municipal elections in said city are now conducted  
7 by law, and the results thereof shall be determined in the  
8 manner now provided by law for the determination of the  
9 election of mayor. If a majority of the valid ballots de-  
10 posited as aforesaid shall favor the acceptance of this act,  
11 then this act shall take effect on the date of its acceptance  
12 by the voters, and the mayor shall forthwith make procla-  
13 mation of the fact.