

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**EIGHTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE**

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**S. P. No. 237**

**S. D. No. 94**

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In Senate, February 17, 1925.

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

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Lane of Androscoggin.

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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 to Amend Chapter Thirty-seven of the Private and Special Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen, as Amended by Chapter Seventeen of the Private and Special Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Nineteen, and Chapter One Hundred and Twenty-four of the Private and Special Laws of the Special Session of Nineteen Hundred and Nineteen, Relating to the Organization of the Lewiston Police Commission, and to the Salaries of the Chief of Police, Captains and Inspectors of the Police Department.

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

Section 1. Section 5, That section five of chapter thirty-  
2 seven of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred  
3 and seventeen be amended by striking out all of said sec-

4 tion after the words "chief of police," in the fifth line there-  
5 of, and inserting in lieu thereof, the words 'two captains,  
6 two inspectors, one police matron, one police clerk, and  
7 such number of patrolmen as said board of police com-  
8 mission shall deem necessary, not to exceed one patrolman  
9 for each nine hundred of the population of said city of  
10 Lewiston; all of whom, with said board of police commis-  
11 sioners, shall constitute the police department of the city  
12 of Lewiston.' So that said section as amended shall read  
13 as follows:

'Sect. 5. When said board of commissioners shall have  
2 qualified, they shall meet and elect a chairman and a clerk,  
3 and shall forthwith organize and establish the police force  
4 as herein authorized. They shall forthwith choose in the  
5 manner hereinafter provided, the chief of police, two cap-  
6 tains, two inspectors, one police matron, one police clerk  
7 and such number of patrolmen as said board of police  
8 commission shall deem necessary, not to exceed one patrol-  
9 man for each nine hundred of the population of said city  
10 of Lewiston; and all of whom with said board of com-  
11 missioners, shall constitute the police department of the  
12 city of Lewiston.'

Sect. 2. That section nine of chapter thirty-seven of the  
2 private and special laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen  
3 be amended by striking out all of said section after the  
4 word "commissioners," in the eleventh line of said section;  
5 and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

‘The board of commissioners shall appoint two captains  
2 and two inspectors who shall hold office during good be-  
3 havior or until retired under the provisions of this act.  
4 Such captains and inspectors shall have such duties and  
5 powers as may be delegated to them by the said commis-  
6 sioners, or by the chief of police under the authority of  
7 police commissioners. The said commissioners may also  
8 appoint a police clerk who shall hold office during the pleas-  
9 ure of said commissioners, and shall perform such duties  
10 as may be prescribed by the chief of police under the au-  
11 thority of said commissioners,’ so that said section as amend-  
12 ed shall read as follows :

‘Sect. 9. The chief of police shall be chosen by the board  
2 of commissioners by written ballot for a term of four years  
3 from the date of his election, or until his successor shall  
4 be elected and qualified. He shall qualify by being sworn  
5 by the city clerk of Lewiston or by a justice of the peace,  
6 to the faithful discharge of his duties, and in the event  
7 that he qualified before a justice of the peace, a certificate  
8 thereof shall be forthwith filed by said justice of the peace  
9 with said city clerk. He shall have and exercise all the  
10 powers and authority now given to the city marshal by  
11 the charter and ordinances of Lewiston, and by the gen-  
12 eral statutes of the state, and such special power and au-  
13 thority as may from time to time be delegated to him by  
14 the board of commissioners. The board of commissioners  
15 shall appoint two captains and two inspectors who shall

16 hold office during good behavior or until retired under the  
17 provisions of this act. Such captains and inspectors shall  
18 have such duties and powers as may be delegated to them  
19 by the said commissioners, or by the chief of police under  
20 the authority of said commissioners. The said commis-  
21 sioners may also appoint a police clerk who shall hold office  
22 during the pleasure of said commissioners and shall per-  
23 form such duties as may be prescribed by the chief of po-  
24 lice under the authority of said commissioners.'

Sect. 3. That section ten of chapter thirty-seven of the  
2 private and special laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen,  
3 as amended by section two of chapter seventeen of the pri-  
4 vate and special laws of nineteen hundred and nineteen,  
5 and as amended by section three of chapter one hundred  
6 and twenty-four of the private and special laws of the spe-  
7 cial session of nineteen hundred and nineteen and as amend-  
8 ed by section two of chapter ninety-five of the private and  
9 special laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-one, be amend-  
10 ed by striking out all of said section after the word "duty,"  
11 in the seventh line thereof, so that said section as amended  
12 shall read as follows:

'Sect. 10. Special patrolmen (with pay) shall be appointed  
2 by the chief of police from a list furnished him by the  
3 police commission, for a period of from one to thirty days;  
4 and such special patrolmen shall receive a salary of four  
5 dollars (\$4.00) 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.'

Sect. 4. That section fifteen, chapter thirty-seven of the  
2 private and special laws of nineteen hundred and seven-  
3 teen, as amended by section five' of chapter seventeen of  
4 the private and special laws of nineteen hundred and nine-  
5 teen, and as amended by section one of chapter one hun-  
6 dred and twenty-four of the private and special laws of  
7 the special session of nineteen hundred and nineteen, be  
8 amended by striking out the words "twenty-one hundred  
9 dollars," and the figures "\$2100" in the second line of  
10 said section, and inserting in lieu thereof the words, 'three  
11 thousand dollars,' and the figures '(\$3000),' so that said  
12 section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 15. The salary of the chief of police shall be three  
2 thousand dollars (\$3000) per annum, payable in equal  
3 weekly instalments by the city treasurer. The chief of  
4 police shall be entitled to two weeks' vacation each calendar  
5 year (with pay), the same to be taken when and as he may  
6 desire. While upon said vacation, or when incapacitated  
7 through illness, or absent from his office on the business  
8 of the department, the duties of his position shall be as-  
9 sumed by the captain on duty.'

Sect. 5. That section sixteen, chapter thirty-seven of the  
2 private and special laws of nineteen hundred and seven-  
3 teen, as amended by section six of chapter seventeen of the  
4 private and special laws of nineteen hundred and nineteen,

5 and as amended by section two of chapter one hundred and  
6 twenty-four of the private and special laws of the special  
7 session of nineteen hundred and nineteen, be amended by  
8 striking out all of said section and substituting in lieu there-  
9 of the following:

‘Sect. 16. Police captains shall each receive a salary of  
2 twenty-four hundred dollars (\$2400) per annum payable  
3 in equal weekly instalments by the city treasurer. The in-  
4 spectors shall each receive a salary of twenty-two hundred  
5 dollars (\$2200) per annum payable in equal weekly instal-  
6 ments by the city treasurer. The police clerk shall receive  
7 a salary not to exceed sixteen hundred dollars (\$1600) per  
8 annum payable in equal weekly instalments by the city  
9 treasurer.’

Sect. 6. Section nineteen of chapter thirty-seven of the  
2 private and special laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen,  
3 as amended by section eight of the private and special laws  
4 of nineteen hundred and nineteen, is hereby amended by  
5 striking out all of said section and substituting in lieu there-  
6 of the following:

‘Sect. 19. All fees paid to the police matron or any patrol-  
2 men in their said capacities, from cases in the Lewiston  
3 municipal court, shall be accounted for by such officer, and  
4 turned in to the treasury of the city of Lewiston when  
5 received by them. All witness fees and all other fees paid  
6 to the chief of police, captains and inspectors in their said  
7 capacities, from cases in said Lewiston municipal court and

8 in the superior court of the county of Androscoggin shall  
9 be accounted for by them, and turned into the treasury of  
10 the city of Lewiston when received by them.'