

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

The following document is provided by the  
**LAW AND LEGISLATIVE DIGITAL LIBRARY**  
at the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library  
<http://legislature.maine.gov/lawlib>



Reproduced from scanned originals with text recognition applied  
(searchable text may contain some errors and/or omissions)

---

---

**EIGHTY - THIRD LEGISLATURE**

---

---

**House Document**

**No. 20**

---

---

H. P. 58                      House of Representatives, Jan. 20, 1927.

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

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Rounds of Portland.

---

---

**STATE OF MAINE**

---

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

---

AN ACT, Relating to the Retirement of Police Officers of the  
City of Portland upon Half Pay.

---

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

Chapter four hundred and twenty-four of the private and  
2 special laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, relating  
3 to the retirement of police officers of the City of Portland,  
4 is hereby amended so that, as amended, said chapter shall  
5 read as follows:

'The city council of the City of Portland may provide by  
2 ordinance for the pensioning of such police officers of all  
3 grades, excepting chief of police, as have been honorably  
4 discharged from the police force. No person shall be grant-  
5 ed a pension unless he shall have (1) served on said police

6 force at least twenty-five consecutive years; or, (2) arrived  
7 at the age of sixty-five years; or, (3) received permanent  
8 injury which incapacitates him for police duty,—provided  
9 the injury is the result of an incident of service upon said  
10 police force. The pension shall not exceed half pay.'

## POLICE RETIREMENT BILL

The bill is in substance the same as the present law, *excepting* that the proposed law *authorizes the city council to enact an ordinance* permitting the city council at its discretion to retire an officer from the police force after the officer has served twenty-five years. The law does not require the city council to retire such officer. It is wholly discretionary.