

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY - THIRD LEGISLATURE

Senate Document

No. 99

S. P. 299

In Senate, Feb. 17, 1927.

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

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Holmes of Androscoggin.

STATE OF MAINE

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

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.

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

Section 1. Section two of chapter thirty-seven of the private and special laws of the year nineteen hundred and seventeen is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and substituting in place thereof the following:

‘Said board of police commissioners shall consist of the mayor, ex-officio, as chairman, and two resident citizens of Lewiston, who shall be appointed by the mayor for a term each of six years. At the expiration of each of said terms a commissioner shall be appointed by the mayor for a full

6 term of six years. In case of any vacancy in the commis-
7 sion the mayor shall appoint a member thereto for the bal-
8 ance of said unexpired term. The members of the com-
9 mission shall be appointed from the two political parties
10 receiving the largest number of votes in the last preceding
11 state election, so that at no time shall more than two mem-
12 bers of the commission be from the same political party.'

Sect. 2. *Provision for local referendum. Form of ballots.*
2 *Conduct of election.* This act shall be submitted for approval
3 or rejection to the qualified voters of the city of Lewiston
4 at an election to be held on the second Monday in Septem-
5 ber in the year nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, 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 cast
10 their ballot concerning the approval or rejection of this act,
11 and if the same be approved to act as a repeal of section two
12 of chapter thirty-seven of the private and special laws of
13 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 proclama-
13 tion of the fact.