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Tabled by Senator Holmes of Androscoggin pending acceptance of either report. New draft to be printed.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

S T A T E O F M A I N E

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
2 private and special laws of the year nineteen hundred and
3 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 inserting after the words "last preceding state election"
12 in the tenth line, the words 'so that the commission shall
13 always be composed of two members from the majority
14 party and one member from the minority party'; and by
15 adding to said section two the following words: "The com-
16 missioners serving at the time when this amendment takes
17 effect shall continue to serve until the expiration of their
18 terms, but at the expiration of each term the successor shall
19 be appointed by the mayor.' So that said section two as
20 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 for
5 a term each of six years. At the expiration of each of said
6 terms a commissioner shall be appointed for a full term of
7 six years. In case of any vacancy in the commission the
8 mayor shall appoint a member thereto for the balance of
9 said unexpired term. The members of the commission shall
10 be appointed from the two political parties receiving the
11 largest number of votes in the last preceding state election,
12 so that the commission shall always be composed of two
13 members from the majority party and one member from
14 the minority party. No more than two of said members
15 shall be from the same political party. The commissioners
16 serving at the time when this amendment takes effect shall
17 continue to serve until the expiration of their terms, but

18 at the expiration of each term the successor shall be ap-
19 pointed by the mayor.'

Sect. 2. *Provision for local referendum. Form of ballots.*
2 *Conduct of election.* This act shall be submitted for ap-
3 proval or rejection to the qualified voters of the city of
4 Lewiston at an election to be held on the second Monday
5 of September in the year nineteen hundred and twenty-
6 seven and warrants shall be issued for such election in the
7 manner now provided by law for the holding of municipal
8 elections, notifying and warning the qualified voters of said
9 city to meet in the several ward meetings of said city, there
10 to cast their ballot concerning the approval or rejection of
11 this act, and if the same be approved shall act as a repeal
12 of section two of chapter thirty-seven of the private and
13 special 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.