

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 321

House of Representatives, Jan. 30, 1929.

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

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Boynton of South Portland.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to Establish a Park Commission of the City of South  
Portland.

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

Section 1. A commission to be styled the park commis-  
2 sion for the city of South Portland is hereby established.  
3 Said commission shall consist of seven persons, one member  
4 from each of the seven wards who shall be elected for a  
5 term of three years after the first election under this act.  
6 At the first election if held in one thousand nine hundred  
7 twenty-nine there shall be elected in wards one, three and  
8 four a member of this commission for the full term of  
9 three years and in Wards two, six and seven a member for

10 a part term of two years and in ward five a member for a  
11 part term of one year, so that there shall be elected in each  
12 ward a member of the park commission at each election,  
13 when such ward is to elect a member of the school com-  
14 mittee; and candidates for election to the park commission  
15 shall be nominated in the same manner as are candidates  
16 for the school committee. The holding of any other official  
17 position shall not operate to bar any person from being a  
18 candidate for or becoming a member of this park commis-  
19 sion. Any member of the park commission may tender his  
20 resignation at any time, which resignation may be accepted  
21 by the commission and the vacancy filled by the commis-  
22 sion for the unexpired term of such member. The mayor  
23 shall be chairman of said commission, ex-officio, but shall  
24 have only a casting vote. The board may annually appoint  
25 a secretary who shall hold office during the pleasure of said  
26 board. Whenever the mayor is absent, the commissioners  
27 may choose one of their number as chairman pro tempore.

Sect. 2. Said commissioners shall have charge and con-  
2 trol of the department of forestry, city playgrounds, and  
3 of all cemeteries together with parks, promenades, squares  
4 and trees on public streets and public grounds which are,  
5 or may be hereafter, reserved for ornamental use, belonging  
6 to the city of South Portland; and under their directions  
7 all appropriations made for said park and cemetery pur-  
8 poses shall be expended for their proper care, including the

9 extermination of browntail and gipsy moths and other  
10 pests, also including other expenditures under the provisions  
11 of this act.

Sect. 3. Said commissioners shall carry on the work of  
2 the park commission, make improvements, acquire and en-  
3 large park areas, maintain the public grounds and cemeteries  
4 under their charge, and for said purposes a tax of one mill  
5 on the dollar shall be assessed annually by the assessors of  
6 said city of South Portland, upon all estates and property  
7 subject to taxation in said city, to be included each year in  
8 the regular tax assessments. The amount of said tax shall  
9 be set aside as a special fund to be expended by said com-  
10 missioners for the purposes specified in this act.

Sect. 4. Said commissioners may employ a secretary, en-  
2 gineers, and superintendents, and make all contracts for the  
3 supply of labor and material necessary to carry on the  
4 work in charge of the said commission.

Sect. 5. The members of this park commission after their  
2 election shall qualify by taking oath before the city clerk  
3 for the faithful and impartial performance of their duties  
4 as such commissioners; and they shall serve without com-  
5 pensation.

Sect. 6. Regular meetings of the commission shall be  
2 held at such times and place as may be fixed by the board.

Sect. 7. The mayor shall appoint a finance committee,  
2 consisting of three members of the board, who shall ex-  
3 amine and approve all bills and the city treasurer is hereby

4 authorized and directed to pay any and all park commis-  
5 sion bills that bear the approval of said finance committee  
6 and are ordered paid by the board of park commissioners  
7 as attested by the secretary of said board, and charge the  
8 same to the account of park commission.

Sect. 8. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the  
2 provisions herein contained are hereby repealed.

Sect. 9. This act shall take effect when approved.