

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

House Document

No. 276

H. P. 850. House of Representatives, Feb. 6, 1929.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary and 1000 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Roy of Lewiston.

STATE OF MAINE

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

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 hun-
3 dred and seventeen is hereby amended by striking out all
4 of said section and substituting in place thereof the fol-
5 lowing:

'Sect. 2. Said board of police commissioners shall con-
2 sist of the mayor, ex-officio, as chairman, and two resident
3 citizens of Lewiston, who shall be appointed by the mayor

4 for a term each of six years. At the expiration of each of
5 said terms a commissioner shall be appointed by the mayor
6 for a full term of six years. In case of any vacancy in
7 the commission the mayor shall appoint a member thereto
8 for the balance of said unexpired term. The members of
9 the commission shall be appointed from the two political
10 parties receiving the largest number of votes in the last
11 preceding state election, so that at no time shall more than
12 two members of the commission be from the same political
13 party.'

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 in September in the year nineteen hundred and twenty-nine,
6 and warrants shall be issued for such election in the manner
7 now provided by law for the holding of municipal elec-
8 tions, 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 to act as a repeal of
12 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 conduct-
7 ed by law, and the results thereof shall be determined in
8 the manner now provided by law for the determination of
9 the election of mayor. If a majority of the valid ballots
10 deposited 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.