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**Legislative Document**

**No. 351**

H. P. 1057

House of Representatives, February 9, 1937.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Boucher of Lewiston.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
THIRTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT to Amend Charter of the City of Lewiston Providing for  
Pensions for Employees of the Highway Department.**

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

**Sec. 1. Committee on pensions to be appointed.** The city council of the city of Lewiston shall appoint a committee of 5 citizens who shall constitute a committee on pensions for employees of the highway department to investigate all matters pertaining to the pensions of employees of the highway department in accordance with the provisions of this act.

**Sec. 2. Eligibility.** Any employee of the Lewiston highway department who has served 30 years, or more, with a minimum of 250 days per year in said department upon reaching the age of 65 shall be entitled to and paid a pension equal to  $\frac{1}{2}$  the pay which he received at the time he was discharged or voluntarily retired from said department.

**Sec. 3. Retirement.** Any employee of the highway department who is entitled to receive a pension at the retirement age of 65 may voluntarily retire and receive the benefits aforesaid, but nothing in this act shall be construed to make the retirement compulsory.

**Sec. 4. Payments monthly.** All employees of the Lewiston highway department entitled to receive the aforesaid pensions shall be paid monthly by the city treasurer of said city of Lewiston, and no pensions shall be allowed unless application therefor shall be made to the said committee on pensions for employees of the highway department, and the matter shall have been inquired into by said committee. Said committee shall first hear all parties interested and shall report its findings to the city council at the next regular meeting after the matter has been referred to said committee.

**Sec. 5. Applications.** Blank applications addressed to said committee on pensions for employees of the highway department shall be furnished applicants by said committee.

**Sec. 6. Application.** This act shall apply to all persons employed by said Lewiston highway department at the time this act shall take effect and does not apply to persons heretofore employed by the said Lewiston highway department.

**Sec. 7. Effective date; voting.** This act shall take effect only when approved as hereafter provided by the electors of said city of Lewiston. Said act shall be submitted to be voted upon by the qualified electors of said city on the first Monday of March in the year 1938, and shall be advertised and conducted according to the law relating to municipal elections. The ballots to be used in said meeting shall be prepared by the city clerk and furnished by the city and in such form as will permit this act to be voted upon by an expression of the voters' opinion on the following question:

"Shall the charter of the city of Lewiston be amended to provide for the pensioning of employees of the Lewiston highway department having 30 years' consecutive service?"

Opposite and to the right of said question shall be printed the two words "yes" and "no" with the usual squares in which the voters are to mark in the manner required by law to express their opinion. Brief and suitable explanation of the subject matter submitted may be printed on the ballots which in other respects shall conform with all requirements of law. If said question shall receive more affirmative than negative votes at said meeting, the amendment herein provided shall be deemed to be accepted and shall thereupon be in full force and effect. The result of said meeting shall be declared by the mayor and aldermen and due certificate thereof shall be filed with the city clerk, 1 copy of the full provisions of this act shall be posted with each notice of said meeting

and 2 copies shall be kept posted in each voting place in said city during said meeting.

**Sec. 8. Acts repealed.** All acts, parts of acts, either public or private, inconsistent herewith, are repealed or amended to conform to the provisions of this act.