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H. P. 320

House of Representatives, January 25, 1945.

Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Palmetoer of Charlotte.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-FIVE

AN ACT Authorizing the Governor to Appoint Special Officers to Enforce Police Regulations Among the Indian Tribes of the State.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 22, §§ 321-A and 321-B, additional. Chapter 22 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto 2 new sections to be numbered 321-A and 321-B, to read as follows:

‘Sec. 321-A. Appointment of constables. The governor with the advice and consent of the council, is hereby authorized to appoint one or more reliable and well commended Indians, in each of the Indian tribes in this state, as special constables with like powers and duties of constables and police officers, within towns and cities, in the enforcement of the laws of the state, within the limits of the reservation of his tribe, with authority to take any offender before any court of competent jurisdiction, within his county. Such constables shall act as school attendance officers for their respective tribes. They shall receive such compensation as may be determined by the department.’

‘Sec. 321-B. Term of office. Said constables shall be appointed for a term of 2 years from the date of his appointment or until his successor has been duly appointed and qualified. Any constable may be removed by the governor upon recommendation of the department.’

Sec. 2. Certain laws repealed. Section 3 of chapter 493 of the private and special laws of 1885 and chapter 49 of the private and special laws of 1899, as amended by chapter 108 of the private and special laws of 1915 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 22, § 365, repealed. Section 365 of chapter 22 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed.