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H. P. 652

House of Representatives, February 1, 1945.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Carpenter of Augusta by request.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-FIVE

**AN ACT Relating to Powers of Board of Commissioners of Police for the
City of Augusta.**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, under existing regulations, governing induction into the military service of the United States, there has been created a shortage of manpower under the age of 38 years for essential municipal functions; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature this fact creates an emergency within the meaning of section 16 of Article XXXI of the constitution of Maine and requires the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1937, c. 61, § 7, amended. Section 7 of chapter 61 of the private and special laws of 1937 is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘Sec. 7. Eligibility; term of service. Any male voter of Augusta between the ages of 24 and ~~40~~ 50 shall be eligible to appointment as a patrolman, provided he shall have made written application therefor and shall have satisfactorily passed the qualification tests prescribed by said board. Each patrolman shall be appointed to serve until he shall arrive at the age

of 65, when he shall be retired, unless sooner removed by a reduction in the membership of the department by the mayor and city council or unless previously removed by said board as hereinafter authorized. In the event of a reduction in said force, the latest to be appointed thereto, shall be first removed, and shall be given preference, if still upon said list, in filling the first vacancy.'

Sec. 2. Expiration date. The provisions of this act shall become void and of no effect at the expiration of 60 days after the termination of the present national emergency.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency set forth in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.