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S. P. 141

In Senate, February 1, 1945.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Boucher of Androscoggin.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Appointment of Police Commission for City of Lewiston.

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

Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1939, c. 8, Article XI, § 1, amended. Section 1 of Article XI of chapter 8 of the private and special laws of 1939 is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 1. Police department; how constituted. The police department shall consist of a police commission of 3 members, hereinafter in this article referred to as the commission, to be appointed by the ~~governor~~ ~~with the advice and consent of the council~~ **mayor**, a chief of police, 2 captains, 2 inspectors, 1 police matron, 1 police clerk and such number of patrolmen, not to exceed 1 for each 900 of the population of the city, as the commission shall deem necessary, the entire personnel of which as existing when this charter takes effect shall continue subject to the provisions hereinafter contained.'

Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1939, c. 8, Article XI, § 2, amended. Section 2 of Article XI of chapter 8 of the private and special laws of 1939 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2. Appointment of members. The commission as constituted when this charter takes effect shall be and continue as the commission herein established, the members thereof to serve in accordance with their respective appointments without interruption and as the terms of the members thereof shall expire, the ~~governor with the advice and consent of the council~~ **mayor** shall appoint their successors for the term of 6 years. In the event of a vacancy in the commission, the ~~governor~~ **mayor** shall in like manner appoint a successor for the unexpired term. The members of the commission shall be appointed from the 2 political parties casting the highest number of votes for governor in the last preceding state election.'

Sec. 3. Referendum. This act shall take effect 90 days after the adjournment of this legislature only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters of the city of Lewiston at the next annual election to be held on the 3rd Monday of February, 1946. For the purposes of such election, the city clerk shall reduce the subject matter to the following question: "Shall 'An Act Relating to Appointment of Police Commission for City of Lewiston' passed by the 92nd legislature be approved?", and the voters shall indicate by a cross, placed within a square upon their ballots, over the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same. This act shall take effect for all the purposes of this act immediately upon the acceptance of this act at the above election. The result of the vote shall be declared by the municipal officers and certificate thereof filed by the city clerk with the secretary of state.