

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Boucher of Androscoggin.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-SEVEN

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### **AN ACT Relating to Police Commission of the City of Lewiston.**

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

**Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1939, c. 8, Art. XI, § 1, amended.** Section 1 of article XI of chapter 8 of the private and special laws of 1939, as amended by section 1 of chapter 131 of the private and special laws of 1945, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 1. Police department; how constituted.** The police department shall consist of a police commission of 5 members, hereinafter in this article referred to as the commission, to be appointed by the 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.

The present 3 members of the commission shall serve after the expiration of their respective terms until the first inaugural of the mayor following the expiration of such terms.

At the time of appointing the 2 new members of the commission, the mayor shall designate the member whose term shall expire at the expiration of each period of 1 year for 5 years thereafter.'

**Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1939, c. 3, Art. XI, § 2, amended.** Section 2 of article XI of chapter 8 of the private and special laws of 1939, as amended by section 2 of chapter 131 of the private and special laws of 1945, is hereby further 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 mayor shall appoint their successors for the term of 6 5 years. In the event of a vacancy in the commission, the 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 past preceding state election.'