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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 Re-organization of the Police Department 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 3 members, hereinafter in this article referred to as the commission, to be appointed by the mayor, a chief of police, 2 captains of police, 1 captain of detectives, ~~2 inspectors~~ 2 lieutenants of police, 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 commission may appoint such number of patrolmen as they shall deem necessary to act as detectives. The commission may employ such other employees of the department as it shall deem**

necessary, prescribe their duties, set their compensation subject to the approval of the board of finance, and terminate their employment at pleasure.'

**Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1939, c. 8, Art. XI, § 5, amended.** Section 5 of article XI of chapter 8 of the private and special laws of 1939 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 5. Eligibility to force.** Any citizen of the city between the ages of ~~21~~ 22 and ~~40~~ 34 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 the commission.'

**Sec. 3. P. & S. L., 1939, c. 8, Art. XI, § 8, amended.** Section 8 of article XI of chapter 8 of the private and special laws of 1939, as amended by section 1 of chapter 93 of the private and special laws of 1945, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 8. Terms, powers and duties of superior officers.** The chief of police shall be chosen by the commission by written ballot and shall not be removed except as provided in section 9. He shall have and exercise all the powers and authority by him hitherto had and lawfully exercised together with all the powers and authority conferred by the general laws of the state and such special powers and authority as may from time to time be delegated to him by the commission. **Captains of police, the captain of detectives and inspectors lieutenants of police** shall be appointed by the commission and shall hold office during good behavior or until retired under the provisions of this charter. **Captains of police, the captain of detectives and inspectors lieutenants of police** shall have such duties and powers as may be delegated to them by the commission, or by the chief of police under the authority of the commission. The police clerk shall hold office during the pleasure of the commission, and shall perform such duties as may be prescribed by the chief of police under the authority of the commission.'

**Sec. 4. P. & S. L., 1939, c. 8, Art. XI, § 15, amended.** Section 15 of article XI of chapter 8 of the private and special laws of 1939, as amended by section 4 of chapter 64 of the private and special laws of 1945, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 15. Salary of police officials.** ~~Police captains~~ **Captains of police and the captain of detectives** shall each receive a salary of ~~\$2,470~~ \$2,800 per annum payable in equal weekly installments by the city treasurer. ~~Inspectors~~ **Lieutenants of police** shall each receive a salary of ~~\$1,800~~ \$2,400 per

annum payable in equal weekly installments by the city treasurer. The police clerk shall receive a salary not to exceed \$1,600 per annum payable in equal weekly installments by the city treasurer.'

**Sec. 5. P. & S. L., 1939, c. 8, Art. XI, § 16, amended.** Section 16 of article XI of chapter 8 of the private and special laws of 1939, as amended by section 5 of chapter 64 of the private and special laws of 1945, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 16. Salary of patrolmen.** The salary of each patrolman shall be ~~\$1,600~~ \$2,100 per annum, until he shall have served 3 years when he shall receive ~~\$1,700~~ \$2,200 per annum, **except the patrolmen who shall act for the department as detectives who shall receive \$100 additional per year,** payable in equal weekly installments by the city treasurer. Each patrolman shall be entitled to a vacation of 2 weeks in each calendar year with pay at such time as may be prescribed by the chief of police.'

**Sec. 6. P. & S. L., 1939, c. 8, Art. XI, § 17, amended.** Section 17 of article XI of chapter 8 of the private and special laws of 1939, as amended by section 2 of chapter 98 of the private and special laws of 1941, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 17. Certain fees to be accounted for.** All fees paid to the chief of police, captains of police, captain of detectives, ~~inspectors~~ lieutenants of police, police matron or any patrolman in their said capacities, from cases in the Lewiston municipal court, and all fees received for serving subpoenas in cases involving criminal procedure in the superior court held in the county of Androscoggin, shall be accounted for by such officers, and turned into the treasury of the city of Lewiston when received by them.'