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# NINETY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Letourneau of Sanford.

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## STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-NINE

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### **AN ACT to Provide for the Election of a Board of Commissioners of Police for the Town of Sanford.**

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

**Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1935, c. 53, § 2, repealed and replaced.** Section 2 of chapter 53 of the private and special laws of 1935 is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

**'Sec. 2. Board of police commissioners.** A board of commissioners of police, consisting of 3 resident citizens of Sanford, shall be elected by the registered voters of said town of Sanford at the 1st town meeting to be held after this act shall become effective. In the 1st instance, the candidate polling the highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of 3 years, the candidate polling the 2nd highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of 2 years, and the candidate polling the 3rd highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of 1 year; and every year thereafter, at each annual town meeting, there shall be 1 commissioner of police elected for a term of 3 years. In case of a vacancy in said board caused by death, illness, resignation or other reason, the board of selectmen shall appoint a member to serve until the next annual town meeting, whereupon a new member shall be elected to serve out the unexpired balance of the term.'

**Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1935, c. 53, § 12, amended.** Section 12 of chapter 53 of the private and special laws of 1935 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 12. Compensation.** Each member of the board of commissioners of police shall be compensated on the basis of \$100 per year. The compensation of the chief of police and of the patrolmen shall be fixed by the voters of said town in town meeting. In the event that the town of Sanford shall adopt a representative town government, the compensation of the chief of police and of the patrolmen shall be fixed by the town meeting members.'

**Sec. 3. P. & S. L., 1935, c. 53, § 13, amended.** Section 13 of chapter 53 of the private and special laws of 1935 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 13. Policemen not to participate in politics.** No policemen holding an office authorized by this act shall hold any other public office, **be it elective or appointive**, nor take any active part in politics. Any violation of this section shall be considered cause for removal.'