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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Castonguay of Waterville.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to a Police Commissioner for the City of Waterville.

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

Sec. 1. Appointment; term; qualifications. There is hereby established in the city of Waterville a police commissioner, who shall be a citizen of Waterville. The police commissioner shall be appointed by the mayor, with the consent and approval of the city government, for a term of 2 years, except that the term of the 1st police commissioner appointed under the provisions of this chapter shall expire at the expiration date of the city government then in power. No member of the city government, municipal officer, employee of the city of Waterville or any person while holding office or while receiving a pension from said city of Waterville shall act as police commissioner.

Sec. 2. Powers and duties. (a) The police commissioner of the city of Waterville shall have the authority to supervise and approve all appointments of the police force of the city of Waterville. Said commissioner shall also have power to appoint the marshal and deputy marshal and to remove all officers or patrolmen for cause. The appointment by said commissioner of any member of the police department shall be based on civil service regulations, and said police commissioner shall accept for

appointment such persons as may receive the highest mark in any civil service examination, after having satisfactorily passed a physical examination based on civil service standards.

(b) All powers now vested in the present board of police are hereby vested and conferred in said police commissioner.

Sec. 3. Salary of police commissioner. The salary of the police commissioner shall be \$1,200 per year and shall be paid in equal monthly installments by the city treasurer.

Sec. 4. Accommodations for department. The said police commissioner shall be provided with such rooms as shall be convenient and suitable for the performance of his duties by the city and at the expense of said city.

The said city shall also provide all suitable accommodations for the police of said city as said police commissioner shall require.

All rooms in all buildings and all property used by said police department shall be under the control of said police commissioner.

Sec. 5. Expenses of department; how paid. All expenses for the maintenance of said rooms, the pay of the police and all incidental expenses incurred in the administration of said police department shall be paid by said city upon the requisition of said commissioner; but no such expense shall be paid by said city until the bills therefor shall have passed through the regular channels of auditing and finance committees provided for by the officers of the city for the management of all its departments. When thus audited, approved and allowed, the mayor of said city shall draw his warrant for the payment of such expenses.

Sec. 6. Salaries of police officers. The board of aldermen and councilmen shall fix the salaries of the policemen, the deputies of the city marshal and of the city marshal, but in no instance shall the salary paid to these officers be less than that paid to officers of like grade during the year 1950 without the consent of the police commissioner.

Sec. 7. Annual report. The said police commissioner shall make a report of his doings annually to the city government at the close of the fiscal year.

Sec. 8. P. & S. L., 1927, c. 86, repealed. Chapter 86 of the private and special laws of 1927, as amended, is hereby repealed.