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House of Representatives, January 19, 1955.

Referred to the Committee on Towns, sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Seaward of Kittery.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Appointment and Tenure of Office of Police Officers.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 91, § 71, amended. Section 71 of chapter 91 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'**Sec. 71. Police officers.** The selectmen of towns may appoint and shall control and fix the compensation of police officers. Such appointment shall be in writing, signed by a majority of the selectmen and recorded by the town clerk ~~and shall be for such time not exceeding + year as the selectmen shall determine.~~

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 91, § 72, amended. Section 72 of chapter 91 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'**Sec. 72. Powers; removal.** Police officers appointed under the provisions of section 71 shall severally have all the powers of a constable in criminal matters within the limits of the town ~~and may be removed by the selectmen when they shall deem that the interests of the town require such removal~~ and any police officer appointed in conformity to section 71 shall continue to hold such office during good behavior unless sooner removed for cause by the selectmen, after notice and hearing.'