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Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Lessard of Androscoggin.

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## STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-SEVEN

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### AN ACT Relating to the 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; section 1 of chapter 95 and section 1 of chapter 177, both of the private and special laws of 1947; and by chapter 178 of the private and special laws of 1953, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 1. Police department, how constituted; salaries.** 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. The commission shall appoint a chief of police, and it may appoint 3 captains of police; one captain of detectives, 3 lieutenants of police, 4 sergeants of police **or detectives**, one police matron, one police clerk and such number of patrolmen, not to exceed one for each ~~900~~ 600 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~~ shall employ such other employees of the department, **such as clerical help**, as ~~it~~ they shall deem necessary, prescribe their duties, ~~set their compensation subject to the approval of the board of finance~~ and terminate their employment at pleasure. **The compensation of all personnel of the department shall be set by the commission, subject to the approval of the board of finance.**

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. 8, Art. XI, § 5, amended. Section 5 of article XI of chapter 8 of the private and special laws of 1939, as amended by section 2 of chapter 95 of the private and special laws of 1947, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 5. Eligibility to force. Any citizen of the city between the ages of ~~22~~ 21 and ~~34~~ before he has reached his 31st birthday 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.'