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ACTS AND RESOLVES

OF THE

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OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

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PRIVATE AND SPECIAL LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE.

1885.

Chapter 486.

An Act regulating the appointment of the members of the Police Force of the city of Portland.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

SECT. 1. No person shall be appointed to the police or watch of the city of Portland, as policeman, patrolman, watchman, or keeper, or for any position of like rank, or for any position of inferior rank thereto, unless such person shall be a citizen of the United States and not over forty-five years, nor under twenty-five years of age, and shall have successfully passed a competitive examination as herein provided, within two years before said appointment, and shall have had a continuous residence in the city of Portland, from at least two years before said examination to the time of said appointment. When any policeman, patrolman, watchman or keeper shall have arrived at the age of sixty years he shall be honorably discharged. The mayor and aldermen shall, as soon as may be, after the passage of this act, provide for such competitive examination by proper rules and regulations, which rules and regulations may thereafterwards be amended by said mayor and aldermen.

Appointment and qualification of policemen for the city of Portland.

Mayor and aldermen to provide rules for examination of.

SECT. 2. Such rules and regulations shall determine who shall constitute the examining board and how they shall be appointed. Said examining board shall consist of not less than three citizens, who shall serve without pay, and not more than a majority of whom shall be from the same political party, but shall include the city physician or some other competent physician or surgeon of approved reputation and standing. Said rules and regulations shall provide for supplying all vacancies in such examining board.

Examining board, appointment and qualification of.

—vacancies.

SECT. 3. All such examinations, except the surgical part thereof, shall be public and after reasonable public notice to be prescribed by said rules and regulations; and the examiners shall make and file with the city clerk, to remain as part of the public files of the city, full reports of all said examinations with such special details as may be required by such rules and regulations, and shall state in said reports which candidates have successfully passed such examination; and the relative standing of such successful candidates. Ex-

Examinations shall be public.

Examiners shall file report with city clerk.

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cept as otherwise herein expressly provided, all said examinations and reports shall be as provided by said rules and regulations and amendments thereof.

Appointments,
how made.

SECT. 4. All appointments hereafter for any office or position described in section one, shall be made by the mayor with the approval of the aldermen, by selection from a list of not more than three persons from said successful candidates, who have been certified by the examining board as having attained the highest rank, and all removals from such office or position shall be likewise made by the mayor with said approval.

—removals.

Appointment of
deputy marshal
and officers, how
made.

SECT. 5. Every appointment of deputy marshal, captain of the watch, sergeant of police, and all other appointments to said police or watch, except as herein otherwise provided, and except the city marshal or other head of police, and except detectives, not employed in the ordinary duties of the force shall be made by selection on recommendation of the marshal from those persons who have been members of said police or watch, for a continuous period of at least twelve months before such appointment.

—city marshal,
and tenure.

SECT. 6. The city marshal shall be appointed by and hold office during the pleasure of the mayor.

Act not to apply
to special
policemen.

SECT. 7. This act shall not apply to policemen or watchmen not in the pay of the city, nor to special policemen employed temporarily on extraordinary occasions.

Except as pro-
vided by this act,
power of city
government not
impaired.

SECT. 8. Except as herein expressly provided, this act shall not take away or impair any authority or power relative to police or watch vested in the city council, aldermen, mayor or any other officer, or official board of the city of Portland.

SECT. 9. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 4, 1885.