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# Acts and Resolves

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Private and Special Laws

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## Chapter 105.

An Act to Amend Charter of the City of Lewiston Providing for Firemen's Pensions.  
*Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:*

**Sec. 1. Committee on firemen's pensions created.** The city council of the city of Lewiston shall appoint a committee of five citizens who shall constitute a committee on firemen's pensions to investigate all matters pertaining to the pensions of firemen, in accordance with the provisions of this act.

**Sec. 2. Members of department eligible; amount.** Any member of the Lewiston fire department who shall have been honorably discharged from said department, as hereinafter provided, by reason of having served thirty years or more in said department, shall be entitled to and paid a pension equal to one-half of the pay which he received at the time he was discharged from said department.

**Sec. 3. Eligible if permanently disabled.** Any permanent member of said fire department who shall have been honorably discharged from said department, as hereinafter provided, and who has become permanently disabled while in the actual performance of duty in said department, shall be entitled to and paid a pension equal to one-half of the pay which such member received at the time he was discharged from said department.

**Sec. 4. Call members eligible.** Any call member of said fire department who shall have been honorably discharged from said department, as hereinafter provided, and who has become permanently disabled while in the actual performance of duty in said department, shall be entitled to and paid a pension equal to one-half the lowest salary then paid to any permanent member of said fire department, but not less than twenty-five dollars a month.

**Sec. 5. Fire escape inspectors eligible.** The provisions of sections two, three and four shall also apply to members of the board known as fire escape inspectors of the city of Lewiston.

**Sec. 6. Application for pension and manner of payment.** The pensions specified in sections two, three, four and five shall be paid monthly by the city treasurer of the city of Lewiston and no pension shall be allowed unless application therefor shall be made to the fire commissioners nor unless the matter shall have been inquired into by said committee. Said committee shall first hear all parties interested and shall report its findings to the city council at the next regular meeting after the matter has been referred to said committee.

**Sec. 7. Physical examination of permanently disabled applicants.** When application is made for pension under the preceding sections, the

city physician and some other competent physician authorized by said committee to act in the premises shall certify to said committee in writing that such applicant is, in their opinion, permanently disabled.

**Sec. 8. Not eligible unless honorably discharged.** No person employed in any of the departments of the fire department above mentioned shall be entitled to said pension above named unless and until he shall have received an honorable discharge from said committee on firemen's pensions. Blank application addressed to said committee by said applicant requesting his discharge shall be furnished him by said committee, and if no charges are pending against him at the time said application is presented he shall be entitled to an honorable discharge.

**Sec. 9. Not retroactive.** This act shall not apply to persons who prior to the passage of this act have been discharged from said fire department, or from the board known as fire escape inspectors, by reason of having served thirty years therein.

**Sec. 10. Referendum provision; form of question, etc.** This act shall take effect only when approved as hereafter provided by the electors of said city of Lewiston. Said act shall be submitted to be voted upon by the qualified electors of said city on the second Monday of September in the year nineteen hundred and nineteen, and shall be advertised and conducted according to the law relating to municipal elections. The ballots to be used in said meeting shall be prepared by the city clerk and furnished by the city and in such form as will permit this act to be voted upon by an expression of the voters' opinion on the following question:

"Shall the charter of the city of Lewiston be amended to provide for the pensioning of members of the fire department having thirty years' consecutive service?"

Opposite and to the right of said question shall be printed the two words "Yes" and "No" with the usual squares in which the voter is to mark in the manner required by law to express his opinion. Brief and suitable explanation of the subject matter submitted may be printed on the ballots which in other respects shall conform with all requirements of law. If said question shall receive more affirmative than negative votes at said meeting the amendment herein provided shall be deemed to be accepted and shall thereupon be in full force and effect. The result of said meeting shall be declared by the mayor and aldermen and due certificate thereof filed with the city clerk, one copy of the full provisions of this act shall be posted with each notice of said meeting and two copies shall be kept posted in each voting place in said city during said meeting.