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Sec. 2. Local referendum provided for; form of ballot; conduct of election. This act shall be submitted for approval or rejection to the qualified voters of the city of Lewiston at an election to be held on the first Tuesday in October in the year nineteen hundred and twenty-five, and warrants shall be issued for such election in the manner now provided by law for the holding of municipal elections, notifying and warning the qualified voters of said city to meet in the several ward meetings of said city, there to cast their ballot concerning the approval or rejection of this act.

Said ballot shall be in the form provided by law when a constitutional amendment is submitted to the vote of the people. The provisions of law relating to the preparation of voting lists for municipal elections shall apply to such election and said election shall in all other respects be conducted as municipal elections in said city are now conducted by law, and the results thereof shall be determined in the manner now provided by law for the determination of the election of mayor. If a majority of the valid ballots deposited as aforesaid shall favor the acceptance of this act, then this act shall take effect on the date of its acceptance by the voters, and the mayor shall forthwith make proclamation of the fact.

Approved April 8, 1925.

Chapter 102.

An Act to Authorize Portland University to Confer Certain Degrees.

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

Authorized to confer degrees until July 1, 1926. Portland University, a corporation organized under the general laws of the state of Maine, is hereby authorized until July first, nineteen hundred and twenty-six, to confer the degree of bachelor of commercial science (B. C. S.) after three full years of study; and the degree of bachelor of secretarial science (B. S. S.) after three full years of study.

Approved April 9, 1925.

Chapter 103.

An Act Relating to the Organization of the Lewiston Police Commission, and to the Salaries of the Chief of Police, Captains and Inspectors of the Police Department.

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

Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1917, c. 37, sec. 5; relating to organization of Lewiston police commission and of department, amended. Section five

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of chapter thirty-seven of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen is hereby amended by striking out all of said section after the words "chief of police," in the fifth line thereof, and inserting in lieu thereof, the words 'two captains, two inspectors, one police matron, one police clerk, and such number of patrolmen as said board of police commission shall deem necessary, not to exceed one patrolman for each nine hundred of the population of said city of Lewiston; all of whom, with said board of police commissioners, shall constitute the police department of the city of Lewiston.' So that said section as amended shall read as follows :

'Sec. 5. Provision for appointment of two inspectors and police clerk; number of patrolmen based on population. When said board of commissioners shall have qualified, they shall meet and elect a chairman and a clerk, and shall forthwith organize and establish the police force as herein authorized. They shall forthwith choose in the manner hereinafter provided, the chief of police, two captains, two inspectors, one police matron, one police clerk and such number of patrolmen as said board of police commission shall deem necessary, not to exceed one patrolman for each nine hundred of the population of said city of Lewiston; all of whom with said board of police commissioners, shall constitute the police department of the city of Lewiston.'

Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1917, c. 37, sec. 9; relating to choice, powers and duties of captains and patrolmen, amended. Section nine of chapter thirty-seven of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen is hereby amended by striking out all of said section after the word "commissioners," in the eleventh line of said section; and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

'The board of commissioners shall appoint two captains and two inspectors who shall hold office during good behavior or until retired under the provisions of this act. Such captains and inspectors shall have such duties and powers as may be delegated to them by the said commissioners, or by the chief of police under the authority of police commissioners. The said commissioners may also appoint a police clerk who shall hold office during the pleasure of said commissioners, and shall perform such duties as may be prescribed by the chief of police under the authority of said commissioners,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 9. Inspectors and police clerk, how appointed; tenure of office; powers and duties. The chief of police shall be chosen by the board of commissioners by written ballot for a term of four years from the date of his election, or until his successor shall be elected and qualified. He

shall qualify by being sworn by the city clerk of Lewiston or by a justice of the peace, to the faithful discharge of his duties, and in the event that he qualified before a justice of the peace, a certificate thereof shall be forthwith filed by said justice of the peace with said city clerk. He shall have and exercise all the powers and authority now given to the city marshal by the charter and ordinances of Lewiston, and by the general statutes of the state, and such special power and authority as may from time to time be delegated to him by the board of commissioners. The board of commissioners shall appoint two captains and two inspectors who shall hold office during good behavior or until retired under the provisions of this act. Such captains and inspectors shall have such duties and powers as may be delegated to them by the said commissioners, or by the chief of police under the authority of police commissioners. The said commissioners may also appoint a police clerk who shall hold office during the pleasure of said commissioners and shall perform such duties as may be prescribed by the chief of police under the authority of said commissioners.'

Sec. 3. P. & S. L., 1917, c. 37, sec. 10, as amended; relating to compensation of patrolmen and inspectors, amended. Section ten of chapter thirty-seven of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen, as amended by section two of chapter seventeen of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred and nineteen, and as amended by section three of chapter one hundred and twenty-four of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred and nineteen and as amended by section two of chapter ninety-five of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-one, is hereby amended by striking out all of said section after the word "duty," in the seventh line thereof, so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 10. Provision for appointment and compensation of inspectors, eliminated. Special patrolmen (with pay) shall be appointed by the chief of police from a list furnished him by the police commission, for a period of from one to thirty days; and such special patrolmen shall receive a salary of four dollars (\$4.00) per day, to be paid by the city treasurer upon approval by the chief of police. Special patrolmen (without pay) may be appointed by the chief of police for a period not more than one year for private duty.'

Sec. 4. P. & S. L., 1917, c. 37, sec. 15, as amended; relating to compensation of chief of police, amended. Section fifteen, chapter thirty-seven of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen, as amended by section five of chapter seventeen of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred and nineteen, and as amended by section one

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of chapter one hundred and twenty-four of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred and nineteen, is hereby amended by striking out the words "twenty-one hundred dollars," and the figures "\$2100)" in the second line of said section, and inserting in lieu thereof the words, 'three thousand dollars,' and the figures '(\$3000),' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 15. Salary increased. The salary of the chief of police shall be three thousand dollars (\$3000) per annum, payable in equal weekly instalments by the city treasurer. The chief of police shall be entitled to two weeks' vacation each calendar year (with pay), the same to be taken when and as he may desire. While upon said vacation, or when incapacitated through illness, or absent from his office on the business of the department, the duties of his position shall be assumed by the senior captain.'

Sec. 5. P. & S. L., 1917, c. 37, sec. 16, as amended; relating to compensation of police captains, amended. Section sixteen of chapter thirty-seven of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen, as amended by section six of chapter seventeen of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred and nineteen, and as amended by section two of chapter one hundred and twenty-four of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred and nineteen, is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

'Sec. 16. Salaries of captains increased; salaries of inspectors and police clerk fixed. Police captains shall each receive a salary of twenty-four hundred dollars (\$2400) per annum payable in equal weekly instalments by the city treasurer. The inspectors shall each receive a salary of twenty-two hundred dollars (\$2200) per annum payable in equal weekly instalments by the city treasurer. The police clerk shall receive a salary not to exceed sixteen hundred dollars (\$1600) per annum payable in equal weekly instalments by the city treasurer.'

Sec. 6. P. & S. L., 1917, c. 37, sec. 19, as amended; relating to accountability for fees collected, amended. Section nineteen of chapter thirty-seven of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred and seventeen, as amended by section eight of chapter seventeen of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred and nineteen, is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

'Sec. 19. All fees collected by members of police department arising from cases in Lewiston municipal or Androscoggin superior courts to be paid into Lewiston city treasury. All fees paid to the police matron or any patrolmen in their said capacities, from cases in the Lewiston municipal court, shall be accounted for by such officer, and turned into the

treasury of the city of Lewiston when received by them. All witness fees and all other fees paid to the chief of police, captains and inspectors in their said capacities, from cases in said Lewiston municipal court and in the superior court of the county of Androscoggin shall be accounted for by them, and turned into the treasury of the city of Lewiston when received by them.'

Sec. 7. Local referendum provided for; form of ballot. On the first Tuesday of October after this act is enacted by the legislature an election shall be held in the city of Lewiston to determine whether the city of Lewiston shall approve this act. The ballots for said election shall be prepared by the city clerk of Lewiston. On said ballot shall be printed the following question. "Shall this act be approved? Vote "Yes" or "No" in the square marked "Yes" or the square marked "No." If a majority of the votes are in favor of the act the mayor shall forthwith issue his proclamation that the same has been accepted if the majority of the votes are opposed this act shall not take effect.

Approved April 9, 1925.

Chapter 104.

An Act Amending the Charter of the Belfast Municipal Court.

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

Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1911, c. 254, sec. 1; 1921, c. 126, sec. 1; relating to establishment of Belfast municipal court, jurisdiction, qualifications of judge, etc., amended. Section one of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred and eleven, chapter two hundred and fifty-four as amended by section one of chapter one hundred and twenty-six of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-one, is hereby amended, so that the same shall read as follows:

'Sec. 1. Salary of judge fixed; disposition of fines and costs; civil jurisdiction increased. A municipal court shall be and hereby is established in and for the city of Belfast in the county of Waldo, which shall be a court of record and have a seal and consist of one judge, who shall be an attorney-at-law and reside in Belfast; said judge to be appointed and commissioned as in the constitution provided. Said judge shall receive a salary of twelve hundred dollars per year for his services in criminal and civil cases to be paid from the treasury of the county of Waldo in monthly payments on the last day of each month. All fines, costs, and fees collected by said judge in criminal and civil cases, shall be paid by him to the treasurer of the county of Waldo, or to the proper state or