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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 6, 1895.

The committee on Cities, to whom was referred the petition of W. H. I. Hayes that the control of the police of the city of Lowell may be vested in the board of license commissioners (with House, No. 221), report the accompanying Bill.

For the Committee,

GEO. E. PUTNAM.

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-five.

### AN ACT

To place the Control of the Police Force of the City of Lowell under the License Commission of said City and to change the Name of said Commission.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. All the powers and duties now vested in  
2 and exercised by the mayor and city council of the city  
3 of Lowell with respect to the control of the police force  
4 in said city, are hereby transferred to and vested in the  
5 license commission of said city, except as hereinafter  
6 provided. And said license commission shall hereafter  
7 be designated and known as "the board of police of the  
8 city of Lowell." The members of the present license  
9 commission shall remain in office as members of said  
10 board of police unless removed by the mayor for inca-  
11 pacity, malfeasance or neglect of duty.

1 SECT. 2. So much of chapter four hundred and  
2 twenty-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and  
3 eighty-four as provides that the powers, duties and sal-  
4 aries of said boards of license commissioners shall cease

5 from and after the first Monday following any annual  
6 municipal election in any city which has not voted to  
7 authorize the granting of licenses for the sale of intoxi-  
8 cating liquor, is hereby repealed, and said boards of police  
9 shall remain in continuous service without reference to  
10 the vote of the city in answer to the question "Shall  
11 licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquor be granted in  
12 this (town) city?"

1     SECT. 3. Said board of police, in addition to its pres-  
2 ent powers and duties, shall have authority to appoint,  
3 establish and organize the police force in said city of  
4 Lowell and make all needful rules and regulations for its  
5 efficiency, and all powers now vested in the mayor and  
6 city council of said city of Lowell by the statutes of the  
7 Commonwealth or by the ordinances of the said city,  
8 except as herein otherwise provided, are hereby con-  
9 ferred upon and vested in said board of police.

1     SECT. 4. The members of the Lowell police force in  
2 office at the time of the passage of this act shall continue  
3 to hold their several offices until removed or placed upon  
4 the retired list by said board of police, and the present  
5 rules and regulations of the board of aldermen for the  
6 government of the police force shall continue in force  
7 until otherwise ordered by said board of police.

1     SECT. 5. The annual salary of the chairman of the  
2 said board of police shall not be less than six hundred  
3 dollars per annum and that of the other members thereof  
4 not less than five hundred dollars per annum. The city  
5 of Lowell shall provide all such suitable accommodations  
6 for the police of said city as such board of police shall  
7 require, and all buildings and property used by the said

8 board of police shall be under the control of the board of  
9 police. All expenses for the maintenance of buildings  
10 used by the police force, and all incidental expenses in-  
11 curred in the administration of said police, shall be paid  
12 by the city of Lowell upon the requisition of said board  
13 of police.

1 SECT. 6. Said board of police shall not appoint any  
2 larger number of patrolmen than the board of mayor and  
3 aldermen are now authorized to appoint, nor shall the  
4 pay of the police be increased or diminished except by  
5 the concurrent action of the city council and said board  
6 of police.

1 SECT. 7. The said board of police may appoint a  
2 clerk, who shall be sworn, and shall keep a record of all  
3 proceedings, issue all notices and attest all such papers  
4 and orders as said board shall direct, whose term of office  
5 shall be six years, but who may be removed by said  
6 board of police for such cause as it shall deem sufficient  
7 and shall express in the order of removal. The salary  
8 of said clerk shall be not less than five hundred dollars  
9 per annum.

1 SECT. 8. Nothing herein shall affect the enforcement  
2 of the provisions of chapter three hundred and twenty of  
3 the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-four,  
4 being an act to improve the civil service of the Common-  
5 wealth and the cities thereof, nor the rules made by the  
6 commissioners appointed thereunder.

1 SECT. 9. Said board of police shall make a detailed  
2 report of its doings quarterly to the mayor of said city  
3 of Lowell.

1    SECT. 10. Vacancies hereafter occurring in the mem-  
2    bership of said boards of police by expiration of terms of  
3    office or otherwise, shall be filled by appointment by the  
4    mayor of Lowell. The members of said board of police  
5    may be removed by the mayor, after hearing, for mal-  
6    feasance, incapacity or neglect of duty.

1    SECT. 11. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with  
2    the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

1    SECT. 12. This act shall take effect upon its passage.





