

SENATE . . . . No. 219.

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[Senate, No. 43, as passed to be engrossed.]

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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 Holyoke 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  
2 vested in and exercised by the mayor and city  
3 council of the city of Holyoke with respect to the  
4 control and management of the police force in  
5 said city, are hereby transferred to and vested in  
6 the license commission of said city, except as  
7 hereinafter provided, and said license commission  
8 shall hereafter be designated and known as "the  
9 board of police of the city of Holyoke."

1    SECT. 2. Said board of police in addition to  
2 its present powers and duties, shall have author-  
3 ity to appoint, establish and organize the police  
4 force in said city of Holyoke and to make all  
5 needful rules and regulations for its efficiency,  
6 and all powers now vested in the mayor and city  
7 council of said city by the statutes of the Com-  
8 monwealth or by the ordinances of the city, with  
9 respect to the control and management of the  
10 police department of said city, except as herein  
11 otherwise provided, are hereby conferred upon  
12 and vested in said board of police.

1    SECT. 3. The members of the Holyoke police  
2 force in office at the time of the passage of this  
3 act shall continue to hold their several offices un-  
4 til removed or placed upon the retired list by said  
5 board of police, and the present rules and regula-  
6 tions of the board of aldermen for the govern-  
7 ment of the police department of said city, shall  
8 continue in force until otherwise ordered by the  
9 said board of police.

1    SECT. 4. The annual salary of the chairman  
2 of said board of police shall be one thousand  
3 dollars per annum, and that of the other members  
4 thereof each seven hundred and fifty dollars per  
5 annum. The city of Holyoke shall provide all  
6 such suitable accommodations for the police of  
7 said city as such board of police shall require, and  
8 all buildings and property used by said police  
9 shall be under the control of the board of police.

10 All expense for the maintenance of buildings  
11 used by the police force and all incidental ex-  
12 penses incurred in the administration of said  
13 police department shall be paid by the city of  
14 Holyoke upon the requisition of said board of  
15 police.

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

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

1     SECT. 7. Nothing herein shall affect the en-  
2 forcement of the provisions of chapter three hun-  
3 dred and twenty of the acts of the year eighteen  
4 hundred and eighty-four; being an act to improve  
5 the civil service of the Commonwealth and the  
6 cities thereof; nor the rules made by the com-  
7 missioners appointed thereunder.

1 SECT. 8. No person shall hereafter be ap-  
2 pointed a member of said board of police, nor  
3 to any position in the police department of the  
4 city of Holyoke, who has not been a legal voter  
5 in the said city of Holyoke for two years next  
6 preceding his appointment, *provided* that nothing  
7 herein shall prevent the employment of women  
8 as stenographers, clerks or police matrons.

1 SECT. 9. Said board of police shall make a  
2 detailed report of its doings quarterly to the  
3 mayor of said city of Holyoke, and annually to  
4 the governor in the month of December.

1 SECT. 10. Vacancies hereafter occurring in  
2 the membership of said board of police, by ex-  
3 piration of terms of office or otherwise, shall be  
4 filled by the governor with the advice and con-  
5 sent of the council. The members of said board  
6 of police may be removed by the governor with  
7 the consent of the council for malfeasance, incap-  
8 acity or neglect of duty. Section seven of chapter  
9 four hundred and twenty-eight of the acts of the  
10 year eighteen hundred and ninety-four shall not  
11 hereafter apply to the city of Holyoke.

1 SECT. 11. All acts and parts of acts incon-  
2 sistent herewith are hereby repealed.

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