

Police force. **SEC. 810.** *And be it enacted,* That the said Board of Commissioners be, and they are hereby authorized and required, immediately on entering upon the duties of their office, to appoint, enroll, and employ a permanent police force for the city of Baltimore, which they shall arm and equip as they may judge necessary under such rules and regulations as they

Arm and equip may from time to time prescribe, and the said board shall have power to remove any police officer, officer of police or detective, for the violation of any rule or regulation which they may make and promulgate to said police force, officers of police and detectives, said force shall consist of one Marshal and one Deputy Marshal of police for the City, one Captain, two

Officers. Lieutenants, two Turnkeys, and such number of Sergeants as said Board of Police in their judgment may deem necessary for each police district in the city, and five hundred men, which force may be increased at any time, if in the opinion of the board, the public peace shall require, to any number, and for such period of time they may think proper, by the employment of special policemen, who shall receive the sum of two dollars and fifty cents per day for their services; the period of appointment in the regular police force shall be four years, unless sooner discharged for official misconduct, and whenever any officer of police, policeman or detective shall be appointed he shall receive a commission, which shall date from the time of his appointment, and shall hold good for four years, unless sooner annulled by his dismissal from the force; provided however, that if any officer of police, policeman or detective, shall be incapacitated from performing duty by reason of sickness or disability incurred in the line of his duty for six consecutive months, he may at the expiration of that time be dismissed from the force, provided further, however, that the said board shall have the power to dismiss said officer of police, policeman or detective, before that time if in their judgment they may deem it proper; the qualifications for the position of officer of police, policeman, or detective, shall be good moral character, sobriety, citizenship of the State of Maryland, ability to read and write, physical strength and courage; no person who has been convicted of any felony shall be eligible to the position of officer of police, policeman, detective or special policeman; the

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