

CHAP. 613. and from among the five policemen so appointed the said commissioners shall select one to be chief of police and one to be assistant chief of police; the policemen so appointed shall be under the control and direction of the chief of such police; and it shall be his duty to immediately report to the County Commissioners any failure or neglect of duty or disobedience of his orders of any of the members of said force; in the event at any time of the absence of the chief of police from said fifth election district, or his inability, from any cause, to discharge the duties of his office, the duties of chief of police shall devolve on the assistant chief of police, who shall then have full power to act in place of said chief of police in every respect. The policemen appointed after the passage of this Act shall serve until the first day of January, nineteen hundred and four, and until their successors are duly appointed, and thereafter such appointments shall be made every two years. The County Commissioners shall have power at any time at their pleasure to suspend without pay, or remove the chief of police or any of the policemen so appointed for any inefficiency, neglect of duty or violation of the rules of the force, and appoint other officers in the place of any removed or suspended, or to impose a reasonable fine for any breach of duty, to be deducted from his pay; and in case of a necessity at any time for an increase of such police force in the judgment of the County Commissioners for the preserving of the peace, they shall have the power to temporarily appoint such additional police officers for such length of time and at such compensation as in their discretion shall be required.

Term
of office.

Duty of
policemen.

103. It shall be the duty of said policemen at all times of the day and night, when on duty under the direction and orders of the chief of police, to preserve the public peace, prevent crime being committed, and protect the rights of persons and property, and to arrest all offenders against the laws of the State, and to take all such offenders before the police justice of said fifth election district, and to this end they shall have all the power and authority of county constables.

Salary.

104. The pay of the chief of police shall be sixty-five dollars per month, and each of the other policemen shall be paid fifty dollars per month. The County Commissioners in making their levy shall provide for the payment of the salaries of said officers monthly. It shall be the duty of the County Commissioners to arm and equip said policemen and make such rules and regulations for their proper conduct and discipline as may be deemed best to insure their efficiency.