

be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments so as to read as follows :

SEC. 726. The said board of police commissioners are authorized and required, immediately on entering on their 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 may from time to time prescribe ; and the said board shall have power to remove any police officer or officers of police, or any detective, for the violation of any rule or regulation which they may make and promulgate to said police force, officers of police, or any detectives ; said police force shall consist of one marshal and one deputy marshal of police of the city, and one captain, two lieutenants, two round sergeants, two turnkeys and one clerk at each station-house, which clerk shall receive a salary of eighteen dollars per week, and such number of sergeants as said board of police in their judgment may deem necessary for each police district in said city, and six hundred and twenty 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 as they may think proper, by the appointment 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 removed for official misconduct and inefficiency, of which the said board of police commissioners shall determine, and the qualifications for the position of officers of police or policeman, or detective, shall be of good moral character, sobriety, citizenship of the United States, ability to read and write, and physical strength and courage ; no person who has been convicted and sentenced to the penitentiary shall be eligible to the position of officer of police, policeman, detective or special policeman ; the pay of an ordinary policeman shall be eighteen dollars per week, payable semi-monthly ; and in case the board shall appoint detective policemen, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to do so, if they shall think fit, to the number of fifteen, said detectives shall receive the sum of twenty-three dollars per week, payable semi-monthly, and shall not be allowed to follow any business or profession, but shall devote their time to the discharge of their duties as detectives ; the officers of police shall be paid semi-monthly, and their pay shall be as follows : The marshal shall receive two thousand five hundred dollars per annum ;