

Book X.
Title LXXVII.

Concerning country police magistrates.
(De irenarchis.)

10.77.1. Emperors Honorius and Theodosius to Anthemius.

Irenarchs - peace officers - who cause harmony to reign throughout the territories (of the cities) for the peace and quiet of the provinces, shall be suitable men appointed by vote of the decurions with the consent of the presidents of the provinces.

Given at Constantinople December 25 (409).

C. Th. 12.14.1.

Note.

The "irenarchs" were originally important municipal police officers with other men under them. They were found only in the East. Their office was abolished in 409 A.D. by C. Th. 12.14.1, but it is apparent from the instant law, that it survived or was later revived; but no law is in existence reviving the office. The irenarch was a municipal officer, his duty was a liturgy and no one could refuse it. The office seems to have been annual, but could be filled again by the same man. The manner of selection is pointed out in the instant law. See Mommson, Strafrecht 308 note 1; Hirshfeld, Kleine Schriften 602, et seq; see also note C. 10.1.9.