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H. P. 510

House of Representatives, January 24, 1961

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Burns of Westbrook.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-ONE

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**AN ACT Relating to Chief Engineer of Fire Department of City of Westbrook.**

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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

**P. & S. L., 1907, c. 257, § 19-A, additional.** Chapter 257 of the private and special laws of 1907 is amended by adding a new section to be numbered 19-A, to read as follows:

**'Sec. 19-A. Chief engineer.** The chief engineer of the fire department shall be appointed by the mayor, with the approval of  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the city council. The chief engineer shall hold such office until:

I. Retirement. Retirement; or

II. Resignation. He resigns and such resignation is accepted by the mayor and council; or

III. Removal. He is removed for good and sufficient cause, on complaint of the mayor, sustained by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote of the city council.'

**Referendum; effective date; certificate to Secretary of State.** This act shall take effect 90 days after adjournment of the Legislature, only for the purpose of permitting its submission to the legal voters of the City of Westbrook at the next election to be held in December, 1961, an appropriate article being inserted in the call for such election.

The city clerk shall prepare the required ballots on which he shall reduce the subject matter of this act to the following question: "Shall the Act Relating to Chief Engineer of Fire Department of City of Westbrook, passed by the 100th Legislature, be accepted?" The voters shall indicate by a cross or check mark placed against the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same.

This act shall take effect for all the purposes hereof on the first Monday in January, 1962, if accepted by a majority of the legal voters voting at said election, but only if the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this act equals or exceeds 20% of the total vote for all candidates for Governor in said city at the next previous gubernatorial election.

The result of the vote shall be declared by the municipal officers of the City of Westbrook and due certificate thereof filed by the city clerk with the Secretary of State.