

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# EIGHTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 205**

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H. P. 602                      House of Representatives, Jan. 28, 1931.

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Angell of York.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE  
HUNDRED AND THIRTY-ONE

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AN ACT to Amend the Charter of the City of Saco.

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

Section 1. Tenure of office of members of fire department; removals from office. The chief engineer and any member of the fire department in the city of Saco hereafter appointed or elected, shall hold office continuously during good behavior unless incapacitated through physical or mental disability from performing the duties of his position; provided, however, that the mayor of the city, with the consent of the majority of the board of aldermen, may remove the chief engineer or any member of the fire department for just cause and for reasons specifically given by the officer or board ordering the removal.

Sect. 2. Notice to persons in cases of removal. The person sought to be removed shall have notice and shall be furnished with a copy of the reasons required to be given in section one and shall be allowed a reasonable time to answer the same in writing. A copy of such reasons, notice and answer and of the order of removal shall be made a matter of public record of the fire department.

Sect. 3. Local referendum provided for. This act shall not be effective until the same has been approved by a majority vote of the inhabitants of said city, qualified to vote in munic-

ipal affairs, at any municipal election held before December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and thirty-two. The city clerk shall reduce the subject-matter to the following question: "Shall the city accept the provisions of the act relating to the tenure of the office of the chief engineer and members of the fire department," and the voters shall indicate by a cross placed within a square upon their ballots, opposite the words "Yes" or "No," their opinion of the same.

Sect. 4. Inconsistent acts repealed. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act, are hereby repealed.