

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

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H. P. 819 House of Representatives, Feb. 4, 1931.

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

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Bowers of Portland.

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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 Relating to Parole of Life Prisoners.

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

Parole of Life Prisoners. Section twenty-six of chapter one hundred forty-seven of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence of said section and substituting in place thereof the following: 'No person convicted of an offense the only punishment for which prescribed by law is imprisonment for life shall be eligible for parole until the said person has served twenty years,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sect. 26. Parole limitations for persons subject to imprisonment for life. No person convicted of an offense the only punishment for which prescribed by law is imprisonment for life shall be eligible for parole until the said person has served twenty years. Provided, that in all cases where the maximum sentence, in the discretion of the court, may be for life or any number of years, the court imposing sentence shall fix both the minimum and maximum sentence. The minimum term of imprisonment thus fixed by the court shall not exceed one-half of the maximum term so fixed.'