

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1365**

H. P. 1040 House of Representatives, March 12, 1969  
Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mrs. Wheeler of Portland.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-NINE

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### AN ACT Amending the Charter of the City of Portland Relating to Recall.

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

Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1961, c. 194, Art. V, §§ 2 & 3, repealed and replaced. Sections 2 and 3 of Article V of chapter 194 of the private and special laws of 1961 are repealed and the following enacted in place thereof :

Sec. 2. Petitions for recall. Any voter or voters of the city may make and file with the city clerk an affidavit containing the name or names of the member or members whose removal is sought and a general statement of the reasons why such removal is desired. The city clerk shall thereupon prepare petition blanks for such removal with a copy of said affidavit and general statement printed thereon or attached thereto, which shall contain the signature of said city clerk, his official seal, shall be dated, addressed to the city council, and contain the name or names of the person or persons whose removal is sought. The city clerk shall file said petition blanks and shall, during office hours for 30 business days thereafter, keep the same open for signature by qualified voters of the city and no such petition blanks shall be signed or presented for signature at any place other than the city clerk's office.

The recall petition to be effective must be signed by the registered voters of the city to the number of at least 1,000, and to every such signature shall be added the place of residence of the signer, giving the street and number or other description sufficient to identify the place.

Sec. 3. Examination; petition. At the expiration of said 30 days, the city clerk shall declare the petition closed and shall within 10 days thereafter ascertain whether or not the petition is signed by the requisite number of

voters and shall attach thereto his certificate showing the result of such examination.

**Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1961, c. 194, Art. V, § 4, amended.** The first sentence of section 4 of Article V of chapter 194 of the private and special laws of 1961, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

**If the petition shall be certified by the city clerk to be sufficient, he shall submit the same with his certificate to the city council at its next regular meeting occurring after the expiration of said 10 days, and shall notify the member or members whose removal is sought of such action.**