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BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

STATE OF MAINE

**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-NINE**

**AN ACT Relating to Minimum Hour and Wage Standards for Firefighting
Personnel of the Auburn Fire Department.**

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

Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1967, c. 109, Art. VI, § 3, amended. Section 3 of Article VI of chapter 109 of the private and special laws of 1967 is amended by adding a new paragraph, as follows:

The City of Auburn shall employ a sufficient number of firefighting personnel to constitute 2 platoons, each platoon to consist, at the minimum, of not less than 14 men on duty. Each platoon shall be made up of the following: One captain, 5 lieutenants, 18 privates. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the firefighting personnel of the department shall not be employed for a work week longer than an average of 56 hours per week over each 6-week cycle under a 2-platoon system, each platoon to be on duty for 24 hours per day in consecutive rotating shifts, with the work day commencing at 7 a.m.; each firefighter shall have 72 hours of free time beginning every 4th day and ending every 6th day inclusive. Compensation for firefighting personnel shall be at a weekly rate of not less than that of equivalent officers and patrolmen in the Auburn Police Department. The chief officer may in his discretion recall off-duty firefighting personnel to duty to meet any emergency conditions and to maintain platoon strength where a shortage of personnel is caused by sickness, sick leave, vacation leave or temporary vacancies.

Sec. 2. Referendum. 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 Auburn, present and voting at a special election to be held in the year 1969, and the warrants shall be issued for such election in the manner now provided by law.

The city clerk shall prepare the required ballot, on which he shall reduce the subject matter of this Act to the following question :

“Shall the Act Relating to the Minimum Hour and Wage Standards for Firefighting Personnel of the Auburn Fire Department passed by the 104th 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.

The preparation of voting lists, the conduct of said election and the determination of the results of said election shall be done in the manner now provided by law. If a majority of the ballots cast approve, then the Act shall become effective as provided. If a majority of the ballots cast reject, then the Act shall not become effective.

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

Sec. 3. Effective date. If approved by the voters of the City of Auburn, this Act shall become effective April 1, 1970.