

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 1206

House of Representatives, March 25, 1975

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EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Rolde of York.

Cosponsor: Mr. Berry of Buxton.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-FIVE

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**AN ACT to Provide for the Appointment or Election  
of a Fire Chief in Each Municipality.**

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

30 **MRSA** § 3773, first ¶, as enacted by PL 1973, c. 680, § 5, is amended to read:

Notwithstanding the method of fire protection services provided by a municipality, a fire chief shall be appointed in each municipality, **unless the municipality shall by vote of its legislative body provide for the election of a municipal fire chief by the duly elected members of the municipal fire department or volunteer association.**

In municipalities served by more than one volunteer association or municipal fire department, the municipality may by vote of its legislative body provide for the election of a fire chief by duly elected members of a fire department within a fire protection zone created by the vote of the legislative body of the municipality and no more than one fire chief shall have authority within each zone.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to allow the citizens of those municipalities served by volunteer fire departments to choose the method of selecting the fire chief or chiefs at their annual or special town meeting or by referendum vote of the municipality.