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S. P. 456

In Senate, March 23, 1979

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Presented by Senator Hichens of York.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT Concerning Contracts of Town Managers.

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

Sec. 1. **30 MRSA § 2313, sub-§ 1**, as enacted by PL 1969, c. 438, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

1. Contract; term. The town manager shall hold office under a contract with the town. The contract shall specify a term during which the town manager may hold office, this term to be not longer than 4 years. The board of selectmen may reappoint the town manager to another term by renewing his contract.

Sec. 2. Application. This Act shall not apply to any town manager who holds that position on its effective date. Title 30, section 2313, subsection 1 as it existed the day before the effective date of this Act applies to that town manager.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill provides that a town manager holds office under contract and for a specified term. Presently, a town manager may hold office for an indefinite term unless otherwise specified by contract, which leads to an imbalance in the town manager's relations with other municipal officials.

This bill will apply only to town managers taking office after the bill's effective date.