

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# EIGHTIETH LEGISLATURE

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**HOUSE**

**NO. 181**

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House of Representatives, February 24, 1921.

Reported by Mr. Fagan from Portland Delegation and ordered printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND  
NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-ONE**

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AN ACT Amending Special Laws of Nineteen Hundred and Nine, Chapter Three Hundred and Seventy, Relating to Appointment of Chief of Police of Portland.

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

Section six of chapter four hundred and eighty-six of the  
2 private and special laws of eighteen hundred and eighty-  
3 five relating to appointment of chief of police of the city  
4 of Portland as amended by chapter three hundred and sev-  
5 enty of the special laws of nineteen hundred and nine is  
6 hereby amended by striking out the word "from" in the  
7 thirteenth line thereof and substituting therefor the word  
8 'for,' so that as amended said section shall read as follows:

'Sect. 6. The chief of police shall be appointed by the  
2 mayor and shall hold office for the term of five years, sub-

3 ject, however, after a hearing, to removal at any time by  
4 the mayor by and with the advice and consent of the alder-  
5 men, for inefficiency or other cause. The mayor may, for  
6 cause, suspend the chief of police from duty, and such sus-  
7 pension shall continue in force until the next meeting of  
8 the aldermen. Upon the suspension of the chief of police,  
9 the duties of his office shall devolve upon the captain of  
10 police having seniority of appointment. The present chief  
11 of police shall be eligible to appointment under the provi-  
12 sions of this section, and if appointed his term of office shall  
13 begin from the time this act takes effect. Vacancies in said  
14 office shall be filled for the unexpired term.'