

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 1011 House of Representatives, March 4, 1927.

Referred to Committee on Legal Affairs and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Griffin of Biddeford.

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STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT Relating to the Tenure of Office of Chief Engineers  
and Members of Fire Departments in Cities.

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

Section 1. The chief engineer and members of the fire  
2 department in any city hereafter appointed or elected, shall  
3 hold their office continuously during good behavior unless  
4 incapacitated through physical or mental disability from  
5 performing the duties of his position; provided, however,  
6 that the mayor of the city with the consent of the con-  
7 firming power, may remove the chief engineer of the fire  
8 department for just cause and for reasons specifically given  
9 by the officer or board ordering the removal.

Sept. 2. The person sought to be removed shall have

2 notice and shall be furnished with a copy of the reasons  
3 required to be given in section one and shall be allowed a  
4 reasonable time to answer the same in writing. A copy of  
5 such reasons, notice and answer and of the order of re-  
6 moval shall be made a matter of public record of the fire  
7 department.

Sect. 3. This act shall not be effective in any city until the  
2 same has been approved by a majority vote of the inhabitants  
3 in said city, qualified to vote in municipal affairs, at any  
4 legal annual meeting held after the first day of December  
5 in the year nineteen hundred twenty-seven. The city clerk  
6 shall reduce the subject matter to the following question:  
7 "Shall the city accept the provisions of the act relating to  
8 the tenure of the office of chief engineers and members of  
9 fire departments," and the voters shall indicate by a cross  
10 placed within a square upon their ballots, opposite the words  
11 "Yes" or "No," their opinion of the same.