

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Relating to the Tenure of Office of the Chief Engi-
neer and Members of the Fire Department in the City of
Biddeford.

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

Section 1. The chief engineer and any member of the fire
2 department in the city of Biddeford hereafter appointed or
3 elected, shall hold office continuously during good behavior
4 unless incapacitated through physical or mental disability
5 from performing the duties of his position; provided, how-
6 ever, that the mayor of the city with the consent of the con-
7 firming power, may remove the chief engineer or any mem-
8 ber of the fire department for just cause and for reasons

9 specifically given by the officer or board ordering the re-
10 moval.

Sect. 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 removal
6 shall be made a matter of public record of the fire depart-
7 ment.

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