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# EIGHTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 657

In Senate, Feb. 12, 1931.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary in concurrence and 500 copies ordered printed.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Mr. Hamel of Lewiston.

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## STATE OF MAINE

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

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AN ACT to Reduce the Salary of the Fire Commissioner of  
Lewiston.

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

Section 1. Section one of chapter one hundred forty-two of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred twenty-one is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and inserting in place thereof the following section:

'Sec. 1. Office of fire commissioner created and salary fixed. The fire department of the city of Lewiston shall hereafter be under the charge of three fire commissioners, one of whom shall be a member of the majority party and another of whom shall be a member of the minority party, and who shall receive an annual salary of two hundred dollars each. The third member shall be the mayor of said city who shall receive no extra compensation for his services.'

Sec. 2. Section two of chapter one hundred forty-two of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred twenty-one is hereby amended by striking out in the fourth and fifth lines of said section the words "five years" and substituting in place thereof the words 'one year,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 2. Appointment; tenure; removal. Said fire commissioners shall be appointed by the mayor of said city without

confirmation by the board of aldermen. Said appointments shall be made within one month after this act goes into effect. They shall hold office for a term of one year and shall not be removed from said office during said term except for cause. Proceedings for their removal shall be brought on petition of a majority of the city council and shall be heard by a justice of the supreme judicial or superior court, before whom such petition shall be returnable and whose decision upon the question of removal shall be final.'

Sec. 3. Section twelve of chapter one hundred forty-two of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred twenty-one is hereby amended by striking out in the fourth line of said section the words "like term of five years" and substituting in place thereof the words 'term of one year,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Sec. 12. Vacancy, how filled. In case of vacancy in the office of any fire commissioner, caused by death, resignation, removal or otherwise, the mayor of said city shall appoint a successor who shall serve for a term of one year unless sooner removed for cause.'

Sec. 4. Wherever in chapter one hundred forty-two of the private and special laws of nineteen hundred twenty-one references are made to a single fire commissioner in any manner, the said chapter is amended so as to refer to commissioners.