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EIGHTY - SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 288.

H. P. 842

House of Representatives, Jan. 31, 1935.

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Brown of Westbrook.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-FIVE

AN ACT to Provide for a Permanent Chief Engineer of the Fire Department of the City of Westbrook.

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

Sec. 1. P. & S. L., 1907, c. 257, § 19; relating to fire department, amended; permanent chief provided; tenure of office of chief engineer of city of Westbrook. Section 19 of chapter 257 of the private and special laws of 1907, being the charter of the city of Westbrook, is hereby amended by the addition of the following provisions: "The chief engineer of the fire department in the city of Westbrook now appointed, shall hold office continuously during good behavior unless incapacitated through physical or mental disability from performing the duties of his position; provided, however, that the mayor of the city, with the consent of the majority of the board of aldermen, may remove the chief engineer for just cause and for reasons specifically given by the officer or board ordering the removal."

Sec. 2. P. & S. L., 1907, c. 257, amended. Chapter 257 of the private and special laws of 1907 is hereby amended by inserting the following section:

'Sec. 19-A. Notice to person in case of removal. The person sought to be removed shall have notice and shall be furnished with a copy of the

reasons required to be given in section 1 and shall be allowed a reasonable time to answer the same in writing. A copy of such reasons, notice and answer and of the order of removal shall be made a matter of public record of the fire department.'

Sec. 3. Local referendum provided for. This act shall take effect and be in full force, when approved by a majority of the votes cast by those qualified to vote in municipal elections in said city voting at the first annual election to be held on the 9th day of December, in the year of our Lord, 1935, or at such earlier date as the city council may determine. The city clerk shall reduce the subject matter of this act to the following question and cause the same to be printed on the official election ballot: "Shall the city accept the provisions of the act relating to the tenure of the office of the chief engineer of the fire department," and the voters shall indicate their preference by a cross within a square upon their ballots, said ballots to contain squares for answer of said question, marked "Yes" and "No" respectively.

Sec. 4. Inconsistent acts repealed. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.