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# Acts and Resolves

As Passed by the

## Seventy-Eighth Legislature

OF THE

# STATE OF MAINE

1917

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## CHAP. 289

**Chapter 289.**

An Act to Amend Section two of Chapter Five of the Revised Statutes Relating to Qualification of Voters.

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 5, § 2, relating to qualification of voters, amended. Women included.** Section two of chapter five of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the word "male" in the fourth line thereof.

**Sec. 2. Election laws to apply to women.** All other public laws and statutes pertaining to elections shall be construed to apply to both males and females.

**Sec. 3. Date when effective; proviso.** This act shall take effect only upon the adoption in September, nineteen hundred seventeen, of the proposed amendment extending the right of suffrage to women, and in case of such adoption, shall take effect on the day said constitutional amendment becomes effective.

Approved April 7, 1917.

**Chapter 290.**

An Act to Amend Section Thirty-four of Chapter Fifty-five of the Revised Statutes, Relating to Free Transportation of Firemen and Policemen by Public Utilities.

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

**R. S., c. 55, §. 34, relating to discrimination by public utilities, amended.** Section thirty-four of chapter fifty-five of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the word "apparatus" in the twelfth line thereof, the words: 'call men of fire departments wearing badges, while going to or returning from fires, chiefs, captains, sergeants, lieutenants and inspectors of police departments, in plain clothes and wearing badges,' and by inserting after the word "purposes" in the sixteenth line thereof the words: 'nor to prohibit any public utility from supplying water and service free or at reduced or special rates to any person, firm or corporation for fire protection purposes through or by means of any apparatus or appliances furnished, installed or maintained by such person, firm or corporation,' so that the same as amended, shall read as follows:

**'Sec. 34. Regulations as to free transportation extended. Water and service may be supplied free to persons installing fire apparatus.** It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation knowingly to solicit, accept or receive any rebate, discount or discrimination in respect to any service rendered, or to be rendered by any public utility, or for any service in connection therewith whereby any such service shall in any manner, or by any device whatsoever, be rendered free or at a rate less than named in the schedules in force as provided herein or whereby any service or advan-