

CHAPTER 147

Fire Departments Two-platoon Act

- Title.** **1.** This Act may be cited as the *Fire Departments Two-platoon Act*. R.S. 1948, c. 122, s. 1.
- Interpre-
tation.** **2.** In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,
“ Fire Chief ” means the person in charge of a fire department or fire brigade;
“ paid fire department ” or “ paid fire brigade ” means a fire brigade of which, exclusive of the Fire Chief, one or more members are in receipt of full-time remuneration for their services as members of the fire brigade. R.S. 1948, c. 122, s. 2.
- Application
of Act.** **3.** This Act applies to every municipality and every place in which there is a paid fire department or a paid fire brigade. R.S. 1948, c. 122, s. 3.
- Establishment
of two-platoon
system.** **4.** In each of the municipalities and places to which this Act applies the Fire Chief shall from time to time divide the members of the fire brigade of the municipality or place into two platoons for work only in accordance with one of the following systems:—
No. 1 System: Under which the Fire Chief shall not keep a platoon on duty for more than twenty-four consecutive hours, after which the platoon so kept on duty shall be allowed twenty-four consecutive hours off duty:
No. 2 System: Under which one platoon shall be on duty for day work for ten consecutive hours each day, and the other platoon shall be on duty for night work for fourteen consecutive hours each day, each platoon to alternate at least once in every seven days from day work to night work or from night work to day work, as the case may be. R.S. 1948, c. 122, s. 4.
- Supremacy
of Act over
inconsistent
Acts and
by-laws.** **5.** The provisions of this Act have effect notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special Act, or of any by-laws of a municipality relating to its fire department. R.S. 1948, c. 122, s. 5.
- Maintenance
of salaries
and holidays.** **6.** No deduction shall be made from the pay or the holidays of the members of the fire brigade in any municipality or place by reason only of the application of this Act to the municipality or place. R.S. 1948, c. 122, s. 6.
- Penalties.** **7.** Subject to section 8, every Fire Chief or officer of the fire brigade of a municipality or place to which this Act applies who directs or requests a member of the fire brigade to be on duty in violation of the

provisions of this Act is liable, on summary conviction, to a penalty of not less than ten dollars and not more than one hundred dollars. R.S. 1948, c. 122, s. 7.

Full attendance
of fire depart-
ment at con-
flagrations.

8. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Act, in case of a conflagration for the control of which the attendance of all members of the fire brigade is in the opinion of the Fire Chief necessary, the Fire Chief may require the attendance of all the members for work during the continuance of the conflagration. R.S. 1948, c. 122, s. 8.

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