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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
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**RESOLVE, Changing Survivor Payments to Mrs. Anita K. Lyons of Bangor,  
as Guardian for Minors.**

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**Mrs. Anita K. Lyons; survivor benefits. Resolved:** That the survivor benefits of Mrs. Reba A. Pierce of Bangor, deceased, as provided by the Revised Statutes of Maine 1954, chapter 63-A, section 9, namely \$100 per month henceforth and retroactively from December 1957, be paid to Mrs. Anita K. Lyons of Bangor, her sister, for and on behalf of the minor children of the deceased Mrs. Pierce, Alfred L. Pierce and Donna Lee Pierce, until the elder child becomes 18; then the sum to be paid shall be \$75 per month until the other child becomes 18 at which time all payments shall cease and further, on the condition that before any payments shall be made, the total contribution of Mrs. Pierce to the Maine Employees Retirement Fund, \$1480.77, paid out by the State of Maine Treasury by draft dated 10/7/58 to one Adella R. M. Beaulieu be returned to the fund.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Mrs. Reba Pierce, a school teacher, died November 19, 1957, leaving 2 minor children, Alfred L. Pierce and Donna L. Pierce, presently age 17 and age 14 respectively. The children have been living with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lyons of Bangor since November, 1957; Mrs. Lyons, sister of Mrs. Pierce, was appointed guardian of the children and her husband, Frank Lyons, administrator of the Pierce estate. Reba B. Pierce first nominated her children as retirement payment beneficiaries and later made another designation, a sister, Adella R. M. Beaulieu, who has requested the children and guardianship remain with her other sister, Anita K. Lyons.

Under the Maine Retirement Act, no survivor payments can be made to a sister and payments could not be made to children who were not the named beneficiaries.