

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 973

H. P. 727

House of Representatives, February 18, 1971

Referred to Committee on Veterans and Retirement. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Vincent of Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-ONE

**AN ACT Relating to Retirement Benefits for Police Officers under
State Retirement System.**

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

R. S., T. 5, § 1121, sub-§ 9, amended. Subsection 9 of section 1121 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 2 of chapter 143 of the public laws of 1967, is amended to read as follows:

9. Police officers. Any member who is a police officer, including the chief of a police department, who has at least 25 years of service as a police officer shall be permitted to retire ~~upon attainment of age 55~~ with a service retirement allowance equal to $66\frac{2}{3}\%$ of his current final compensation. ~~The service retirement allowance shall be equal to $66\frac{2}{3}\%$ of his current final compensation~~

STATEMENT OF FACT

This proposed amendment would permit participating local districts to provide retirement without the limitation of age 55. Because of the unique physical demands upon policemen, many municipalities throughout the United States have accepted retirement based upon years of service rather than age.