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| 1 2 3 4 | (EMERGENCY) (After Deadline) SECOND REGULAR SESSION |
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| 5 6 | ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE |
| 7 8 | Legislative Document No. 1760 |
| 9 10 11 12 | H. P. 1770 House of Representatives, January 7, 1982 Approved by a Majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27. Referred to the Committee on Aging, Retirement and Veterans. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed. |
| 13 14 15 | EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk Presented by Representative Perry of Mexico. |
| 16 17 | STATE OF MAINE |
| 18 19 20 | IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-TWO |
| 21 22 23 | AN ACT to Permit the Town of Mexico to Withdraw from the Maine State Retirement System. |
| 24 25 26 | Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and |
| 27 28 29 | Whereas, the employees of the Town of Mexico are currently participating in the Maine State Retirement System in addition to participating in the Social Security System; and |
| 30 31 | Whereas, the benefit plans of these 2 systems are, to a certain extent, duplicative; and |

Whereas, it is needlessly expensive for the employees and the employers to continue to fund both retirement plans; and

 Whereas, this burdensome expense and duplicative benefit coverage should be reduced as soon as possible; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. Withdrawal from Maine State Retirement System authorized; procedure. The Town of Mexico, hereinafter called "the district" presently a participating local district in the Maine State Retirement System hereinafter called the "the system," is authorized to withdraw from further participation in the system upon the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

The withdrawal shall be accomplished by a majority vote of the board of selectmen at any duly warned, called and held meeting thereof. Upon the vote the chief fiscal officer of the district shall certify the same to the trustees of the system and the withdrawal shall become effective on the last day of the calendar month in which the certificate is received by the trustees.

Sec. 2. Certain withdrawals of contributions authorized. Any employee of the town who has made contributions to the system may withdraw the contributions in the manner provided by the Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1096, as amended; provided that an application for the withdrawal shall be made not later than one year after the effective date of withdrawal by the town from the system.

Sec. 3. Effect of withdrawal.

1. Any employee of the town who withdraws his contribution or any person who begins employment after the effective date of withdrawal of the town from the system may not be a participant in the Maine State Retirement System as an employee of the Town of Mexico.

| 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 | 2. The Town of Mexico shall continue to be a local participating district for those former employees who are receiving retirement allowances or who are eligible for retirement benefits and all employees as of the effective date of withdrawal who have not withdrawn their contributions from the system. For the purposes of this subsection, those employees remaining in the system and the Town of Mexico are subject to the Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 101. |
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| 10 11 | Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved. |
| 12 | STATEMENT OF FACT |
| 13 14 | The purpose of this bill is set out in the emergency preamble. |
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