

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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5 Legislative Document

No. 30

7 H.P. 25

House of Representatives, January 5, 1983

8 Reference to the Committee on Aging, Retirement and Veterans suggested
9 and ordered printed.

10 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

11 Presented by Representative Rolde of York.
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13 STATE OF MAINE
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15 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
16 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-THREE
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18 RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to
19 the Constitution of Maine to Maintain and
20 Protect the Integrity of the Maine State
21 Retirement System.
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23 Constitutional amendment. RESOLVED: Two-thirds
24 of each branch of the Legislature concurring, that
25 the following amendment to the Constitution of Maine
26 be proposed:

27 Constitution, Art. IX, §20 is enacted to read:

28 Section 20. Appropriation of funds to the Maine
29 State Retirement System. Based upon actuarial
30 reserve requirements, determined by the Board of
31 Trustees of the Maine State Retirement System, there
32 is appropriated and transferred to the Maine State
33 Retirement System, on an annual basis, amounts of
34 money which are sufficient in amount for the current
35 payment of the employer's costs of all current

1 charges relating to the Maine State Retirement System
2 and which shall be credited to the appropriate funds
3 of the Maine State Retirement System. Current
4 charges shall not include any amounts paid out but
5 not funded by the State as of June 30, 1977, for per-
6 sons formerly subject to the Maine Revised Statutes
7 of 1944, chapter 37, sections 212 to 220. The
8 trustees may request, and there may be appropriated,
9 amounts in excess of current charges.

10 Constitutional referendum procedure; form of
11 question; effective date. Resolved: That the city
12 aldermen, town selectmen and plantation assessors of
13 this State shall notify the inhabitants of their
14 respective cities, towns and plantations to meet, in
15 the manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide
16 election, at a statewide election, on the Tuesday
17 following the first Monday of November following the
18 passage of this resolution, to vote upon the ratifi-
19 cation of the amendment proposed in this resolution
20 by voting upon the following question:

21 "Shall the Constitution of Maine be amended to
22 maintain and protect the integrity of the Maine
23 State Retirement System?"

24 The legal voters of each city, town and
25 plantation shall vote by ballot on this question, and
26 shall designate their choice by a cross or check mark
27 placed within the corresponding square below the word
28 "Yes" or "No." The ballots shall be received,
29 sorted, counted and declared in open ward, town and
30 plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary
31 of State in the same manner as votes for members of
32 the Legislature. The Governor shall review the
33 returns and, if it appears that a majority of the
34 legal votes are in favor of the amendment, the Gover-
35 nor shall proclaim that fact without delay and the
36 amendment shall become part of the Constitution on
37 the date of the proclamation.

38 Secretary of State shall prepare ballots.
39 Resolved: That the Secretary of State shall prepare
40 and furnish to each city, town and plantation all
41 ballots, returns and copies of this resolution neces-
42 sary to carry out the purposes of this referendum.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

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The purpose of this constitutional resolution is to make the appropriation of funds to the Maine State Retirement System by the State of Maine for state employee and teacher retirement costs mandatory on the part of the executive and legislative branches of State Government.

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