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House of Representatives, March 14, 1995

RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish a Schedule for Paying Off the Unfunded Liability of the Maine State Retirement System.

Reference to the Committee on Labor suggested and ordered printed.

GOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative BENEDIKT of Brunswick. Cosponsored by Senator BUSTIN of Kennebec. **Constitutional amendment. Resolved:** Two thirds of each branch of the Legislature concurring, that the following amendment to the Constitution of Maine be proposed:

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## Constitution, Art. IX, §§18-A and 18-B are enacted to read:

 Section 18-A. Unfunded liabilities. For each fiscal year
beginning with fiscal year 1998, the Governor shall include in the budget and the Legislature shall make appropriations to fund
the Maine State Retirement System on an actuarially sound basis as determined by the Board of Trustees of the Maine State
Retirement System. Additional unfunded liabilities may not be created except for those resulting from experience losses.

Section 18-B. Additional amounts. The following amounts must be added to those established in Section 18-A: for the fiscal years starting July 1, 1998 and ending June 30, 2004, a yearly amount that will extinguish the unfunded liability of that part of the Maine State Retirement System attributed to teachers; and for the fiscal years starting July 1, 1998 and ending June 30, 2018, a yearly amount that will extinguish the remainder of the unfunded liability of the system. The unfunded liabilities referred to in this section are those established by the Board of Trustees of the Maine State Retirement System as of June 30, 1996.

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Constitutional referendum procedure; form of question; effective date. Resolved: That the municipal officers of this State shall notify the inhabitants of their respective cities, towns and plantations to meet, in the manner prescribed by law for holding a statewide election, at a statewide election, on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November following the passage of this resolution, to vote upon the ratification of the amendment proposed in this resolution by voting upon the following question:

38 "Do you favor amending the Constitution of Maine to require funding of the Maine State Retirement System and prohibit 40 unfunded liabilities?"

42 The legal voters of each city, town and plantation shall vote by ballot on this question and designate their choice by a 44 cross or check mark placed within the corresponding square below the word "Yes" or "No." The ballots must be received, sorted, 46 counted and declared in open ward, town and plantation meetings and returns made to the Secretary of State in the same manner as 48 votes for members of the Legislature. The Governor shall review the returns and, if it appears that a majority of the legal votes

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	are cast in favor of the amendment, the Governor shall proclaim
2	that fact without delay and the amendment becomes part of the
	Constitution on the date of the proclamation; and be it further
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	Secretary of State shall prepare ballots. Resolved: That the
6	Secretary of State shall prepare and furnish to each city, town
	and plantation all ballots, returns and copies of this resolution
8	necessary to carry out the purpose of this referendum.
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	STATEMENT OF FACT
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	This resolution establishes a schedule for paying off the
14	unfunded liability for the Maine State Retirement System by the
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