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Sec. 2. R. S., c. 63-A, § 9, sub-§ I, ¶ B, sub-¶ 1, div. a, amended. Division a of subparagraph 1 of paragraph B of subsection I of section 9 of chapter 63-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 417 of the public laws of 1955, is amended to read as follows:

‘(a). A spouse, alive and not remarried at the time of the death of the member, shall be paid \$75 a month, commencing the first month after such death occurs, and continuing until the date of his death or remarriage, whichever happens first, providing that the deceased member ~~also~~ had ~~17½~~ 10 years of creditable service at the time of his death. Such spouse may qualify for this benefit in addition to any payments received as provided by division (b), but shall not receive this benefit simultaneously with that provided by division (b).’

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 63-A, § 9, sub-§ I, ¶ B, sub-¶ 4, additional. Paragraph B of subsection I of section 9 of chapter 63-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 417 of the public laws of 1955, is amended by adding a new subparagraph 4, to read as follows:

‘4. **Death of beneficiary before payment.** In the event that any beneficiary becomes entitled to any of the provisions of this section and dies before either the refund check or the initial survivor benefit check shall be endorsed and presented to a holder in due course then it shall be considered as if the beneficiary had predeceased the member. Further, any beneficiary of this section shall have the right to change his choice of payment at any time up to the point of endorsement and presentation to a holder in due course of either the refund check or the initial survivor benefit payment.’

Sec. 4. R. S., c. 63-A, § 26, amended. Section 26 of chapter 63-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 451 of the public laws of 1955 and as amended by section 2 of chapter 42 of the public laws of 1961, is further amended by adding after the first paragraph, a new paragraph to read as follows:

‘Employees of a participating local district who are covered under the basic group life insurance plan shall also be eligible for the additional group life insurance coverage as provided for in section 24 if the local district involved elects to adopt such benefits.’

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Chapter 77

AN ACT Relating to Escapes from Custody of Police Officers.

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

R. S., c. 135, § 28, amended. Section 28 of chapter 135 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

‘**Sec. 28. Escape from custody of police officers or jail.** Whoever, being lawfully detained in any jail or other place of confinement, except the State Prison,

breaks or escapes therefrom, or attempts to do so, shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than 7 years; ~~the~~. The sentence to such imprisonment shall not be concurrent with any other sentence then being served or thereafter to be imposed upon such escapee. **Whoever resists apprehension or breaks arrest shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment for not more than 11 months.**'

Effective September 21, 1963

Chapter 78

AN ACT to Revise the Election Laws.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 3-A, § 1, amended. The 17th paragraph of section 1 of chapter 3-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 360 of the public laws of 1961 and as repealed and replaced by section 1-B of chapter 408 of the public laws of 1961, is amended to read as follows:

“Members of the armed forces” include the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, their spouses and dependents, members of the Merchant Marine of the United States, except those employed in the inland waterways, their spouses and dependents, civilian employees of the United States serving outside the territorial limits of the several states and the District of Columbia, whether or not paid from appropriated federal funds, and their spouses and dependents when accompanying them, and members of religious groups and welfare agencies serving with or accompanying the armed forces and their spouses and dependents.’

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 3-A, § 1, amended. The 23rd paragraph of section 1 of chapter 3-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 360 of the public laws of 1961, is amended to read as follows:

“Pauper” means a person who has been directly or indirectly furnished supplies by a municipality within 3 months of any election at which he seeks to vote; except that this definition shall not apply to a veteran, a recipient of old age assistance, aid to the blind, aid to the disabled or to a relative with whom a recipient of aid to dependent children is living as provided in chapter 25, section 236. The fact that money for the payment of wages of a person employed by a municipality is derived from relief funds does not give that person the status of a pauper.’

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 3-A, § 6, sub-§ I, amended. Subsection I of section 6 of chapter 3-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 360 of the public laws of 1961, is amended by adding at the end 2 new sentences, as follows:

If the registrar is to be absent from the municipality for a period exceeding 15 consecutive days, he shall appoint a deputy registrar who must be physically