

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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**LAWS**  
OF THE  
**STATE OF MAINE**

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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**PRIVATE AND  
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Whereas, certain obligations and expenses incident to the operation of state collective bargaining agreements will become due and payable immediately; 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,

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

**Sec. 1. Appropriation.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to a special compensation account the sums of \$30,989 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1979, \$63,353 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1980, and \$63,353 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1981, to implement the economic terms agreed to by the State and the Maine Teachers' Association for the bargaining unit of the administrators at the vocational-technical institutes and the School of Practical Nursing.

**Sec. 2. Funding.** The funding provided by this Act shall include retirement costs and shall be available for all employees covered by the agreement between the State and the Maine Teachers' Association, except that employees supported from sources of funding other than the General Fund shall be adjusted whenever possible from those sources.

**Sec. 3. Special account.** The funding provided shall be segregated in a special compensation account to be made available as needed upon recommendation of the State Budget Officer with the approval of the Governor.

**Sec. 4. Intent.** Notwithstanding any other provision of the law and rules, it is the intent of the Legislature that the provisions of the agreement between the State and the Maine Teachers' Association for the administrators at the vocational-technical institutes and the School of Practical Nursing shall prevail during the term of the agreement.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect when approved.

Effective May 14, 1979

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## CHAPTER 22

H. P. 946 — L. D. 1179

**AN ACT to Permit Sorority Houses at University of Maine Campuses.**

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

P&SL 1903, c. 393, § 1, is amended by adding at the end the following new sentence:

**The term "society houses" shall include, but not be limited to, fraternity and sorority houses.**

Effective September 14, 1979

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## CHAPTER 23

H. P. 76 — L. D. 84

### AN ACT to Permit the Inhabitants of Garland and Bradford to Withdraw from the Maine State Retirement System.

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

**Sec. 1. Withdrawal from Maine State Retirement System authorized; procedure.** The inhabitants of Garland, a municipality hereinafter called "the town," presently a participating local district in the Maine State Retirement System, hereinafter called "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 town at any duly warned, called and held annual or special meetings thereof, the warrant for which contained an article providing for a vote on the withdrawal. Upon the vote, the town clerk 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; disposition of remaining funds.** Any employee of the town who has made contributions to the system may withdraw the same in the manner provided by the Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1096, as amended; provided that any application for the withdrawal shall be made not later than one year after the effective date of withdrawal by the town from the system.

Following the withdrawal of contributions by all town employees who have the right to do so, or one year from the effective date of withdrawal by the town from the system, whichever first occurs, then any remaining funds established by the system for the town shall be applied by the system toward satisfaction of the retirement allowances and death benefits to the employees of the town who are receiving the allowances from the system as of that date and any employee whose right to receive the allowance or benefit has vested as of that date.

**Sec. 3. Town to assume certain obligations.** Following the effective date of withdrawal, the system shall annually certify to the town the amount necessary to