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July 11, 1945

To Earle R. Hayes, Secretary, Employees' Retirement System

Agreeably to my conversation with State Representative Louis Jalbert yesterday and my conversation with you this morning, relating to the provisions of Chapter 86 of the Private and Special Laws of 1945, I will say that this act is permissive, in that it gives the board of mayor and aldermen the power to promulgate and amend a pension plan for city employees not presently provided for in a system of retirement for disability, provided, however, that such plan shall include the following:

"1. Pension to be not over 1/2 of employees' average final compensation, or \$1,500, whichever is lesser at the time of retirement. . . .

b. Reaches age 65 and/or has served not less than 25 years.

c. Reaches age 65 and has served 20 years or more, the employee shall be entitled to a pension equal to 1/50 of his average final compensation multiplied by the number of years of his creditable service."

It is my opinion that the board of mayor and aldermen can promulgate a plan for city employees to come within the provisions of the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Maine, as it is my understanding that the State of Maine plan is more liberal than that specified in said Chapter 86.

Ralph W. Farris

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cc: Representative Jalbert