

STATE OF MAINE

REPORT

OF THE

ATTORNEY GENERAL

for the calendar years 1951 - 1954

application of the increase authorized by Chapter 400 to teachers who have retired or who will retire under subsections IX, X and XI without having chosen an option under Section 7 of Chapter 60 of the Revised Statutes or is the increase authorized by Chapter 400 available to teachers who, while complying with the requirements of such subsections, have nevertheless chosen an option under Section 7?

It is the opinion of this office that the increase of pension provided for by Chapter 400 is available to any teacher who has heretofore retired or shall hereafter retire and who has retired either under the provisions of subsections IX, X and XI without having chosen the option or who, being otherwise eligible under subsections IX, X and XI to retire, has chosen an option under Section 7.

JAMES G. FROST Deputy Attorney General

November 25, 1953

To Spaulding Bisbee, Director, Civil Defense and Public Safety Re: Workmen's Compensation relative to Age

Replying to yours of November 17th, requesting an opinion on the Workmen's Compensation Act, relative to age:-

In Chapter 267, Laws of 1953, an Act relating to Civil Defense, the statement is made that this law was enacted "so all citizens will participate."

All persons born or naturalized in the United States and subject to the jurisdiction thereof are citizens of the United States and of the State of their residence. Citizenship is membership in a political society and imposes a duty of allegiance on the part of a member and a duty of protection on the part of the society. Age is not involved in citizenship.

Of course, enlistment in the Civil Defense Auxiliaries must be confined to those who can understand and subscribe to the oath in Section 14 of Chapter 298 of the Laws of 1949.

This office is of the opinion that there is no prohibition against having such members under the age of eighteen years, if otherwise eligible.

> NEAL A. DONAHUE Assistant Attorney General

> > November 30, 1953

To Roland H. Cobb, Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game Re: Sheepscot Lake Water Level

This office has given consideration to your memorandum of November 5th on the above captioned subject, which has to do with a claim presented by a Mr. Bushey relative to flowage damage claimed to his land on Sheepscot Lake.

It appears that your Palermo dam, situated a short distance from this lake, controls its water level and that Mr. Bushey's land is across the lake from the outlet where the dam is situated. Your department bought two parcels