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Richmond Utilities District

SYLLABUS:

The Richmond Utilities District is a "Participating Local District" within the meaning of 5 M.R.S.A. § 1092 (1).

FACTS:

The Richmond Utilities District was created by Special Act of the One Hundreth Legislature and now requests that its employees be permitted to participate in the State Retirement System, on the basis that it is a "Participating Local District" within the meaning of 5 M.R.S.A. § 1092 (1).

QUESTION:

Is the Richmond Utilities District included in the statutory language defining a "Participating Local District"?

ANSWER:

Yes.

REASON:

The Richmond Utilities District was created by Special Act of the Legislature in 1961 as:

"...a body politic and corporate under the name of 'Richmond Utilities District'. The purposes of said district shall be to take over, control and operate the water system of the Richmond Water Works and the sewer system now owned by the Town of Richmond." Chapter 154, Sec. 1, Private and Special Laws." 1961.

The section regarding "Participating Local Districts" provides in pertinent part that:

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"The employees of any county, city, town, water district, public library corporation or any other quasi-municipal corporation of the State, may participate in the retirement system." 5 M.R.S.A. § 1092.

It is clear, from the above language, that the Richmond Utilities District is included in the above definition of a "Participating Local District."

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