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ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST LEGISLATURE

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No. 486

S. P. 187

In Senate, January 22, 1963

Referred to Committee on Retirements and Pensions. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Sproul of Lincoln.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-THREE

AN ACT to Correct Inconsistencies and Inequities in the Maine State Retirement Law.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 63-A, § 1, amended. The 4th and 17th paragraphs of section 1 of chapter 63-A of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 417 of the public laws of 1955, are amended to read as follows:

“Beneficiary” shall mean any person in receipt of a benefit **or any person designated to be a recipient of a benefit** as provided by this chapter.’

“Prior service” shall mean service rendered prior to the date of establishment of the retirement system for which credit is allowable under ~~the provisions of~~ section 4. **In the case of participating local districts “prior service” shall mean service to the district rendered prior to the district joining the retirement system.’**

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 ~~7 1/2~~ 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 bank for payment 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.'