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No. 1966

H. P. 1524

House of Representatives, January 24, 1972

The Committee on Veterans and Retirements suggested.

BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Marsh of Hampden.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-TWO

**RESOLVE, Providing a Minimum Service Retirement Allowance Under the
State Retirement Law for Emil Arsenault.**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the 104th Legislature in regular session provided for a minimum service retirement allowance for state employees and teachers of \$80 per month, if the member had 10 years of creditable service at retirement; and

Whereas, Emil Arsenault retired in August 1966, prior to the effective date of such law; and

Whereas, the following legislation is vitally necessary to provide Mr. Arsenault a minimum service retirement allowance of \$80 per month; 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

Emil Arsenault; additional creditable state service. Resolved: That notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the Maine State Retirement System is directed to credit Emil Arsenault with necessary days of state service, thereby permitting him to receive the minimum service retirement allowance of \$80 per month as provided under the State Retirement Law, provided that he remit to such system an amount equal to that contribution which would have been deducted from his compensation if he had had deductions equiva-

lent to 10 years of creditable service. Emil Arsenault had 13 years of creditable service and was in process of paying an amount which heretofore was not deducted from his wages. The amount involved is approximately \$7.

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

Emil Arsenault retired in August 1966, after serving the state for more than 13 years. At retirement, due to a retinal detachment of the eye, he was being permitted to pay back to the system the amount of contributions necessary to obtain 13 years creditable service. However, he was unable to work due to his eye condition and had only paid back \$279.95 which was \$7 short of the amount needed to obtain the \$80 minimum pension.

The purpose of this resolve is to raise his retirement allowance to the minimum now authorized by law.