

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Barnes of Alton.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-THREE

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**AN ACT Relating to Retirement of Forest Rangers in the Forestry  
Department.**

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

Whereas, forest rangers in the Forestry Department render invaluable service to the people of Maine in their zealous efforts to protect and preserve Maine's natural resources; and

Whereas, the present law permits a forest ranger who has not attained 25 years of creditable service at age 60 under the retirement law to continue in his employment until age 63 in order to obtain the 25 years of creditable service; and

Whereas, this law creates hardships for forest rangers who cannot obtain the 25 years of creditable service until age 70; and

Whereas, the following legislation is vitally necessary to prevent such hardships; 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 enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

**R. S., T. 5, § 1121, sub-§ 1, ¶ E, amended.** The 3rd sentence of paragraph E of subsection 1 of section 1121 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 13 of chapter 622 of the public laws of 1971, is amended to read as follows:

Except that any forest ranger **employed before September 23, 1971** in the Forestry Department who will not attain the 25 years of creditable service at age 60 may be permitted to continue in his employment until age ~~63~~ **70** in order to obtain the 25 years of creditable service necessary.

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

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is reflected in the emergency preamble.