

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1587

S. P. 503

In Senate, March 26, 1973

Referred to the Committee on Veterans and Retirement. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Schulten of Sagadahoc.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

RESOLVE, Providing a Deceased Member of the Maine State Retirement System with a Minimum of 10 Years Creditable Service.

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

Whereas, chapter 29 of the public laws of 1965 provided that the surviving spouse of a deceased member of the Maine State Retirement System shall be paid \$100 a month provided the deceased member had 10 years of creditable service; and

Whereas, the deceased member, Lawrence Eaton, had in excess of 9 years and 4 months of creditable teaching service at the time of his death and had completed over 13 years of teaching in the State of Maine; and

Whereas, the deceased member's surviving spouse is Helen Eaton, who has 2 children less than 18 years of age; and

Whereas, the following legislation is vitally necessary to provide Helen Eaton and her 2 children with a minimum standard of living; 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

Lawrence Eaton; creditable teaching service. Resolved: That notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the Maine State Retirement System is directed to credit Lawrence Eaton with a minimum of 10 years of teaching

service, thereby permitting his surviving spouse, Helen Eaton, to receive a benefit of \$100 per month as provided under the State Retirement Law; and be it further

Resolved: That there is appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund to the Maine State Retirement System the sum of \$14,584 to carry out the purposes of this resolve.

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

Even though the deceased member, Lawrence Eaton, had taught in Maine for over 13 years, he had less than 10 years of creditable teaching service at the time of his death. The purpose of this bill is to provide his surviving spouse, Helen Eaton, who has 2 children, with the \$100 monthly benefit allowed by law.