

STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (Filing No. H-986) 107TH LEGISLATURE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

HOUSE AMENDMENT " A" to H.P. 1799, L.D. 1958, Bill, "AN ACT to Base Adjustments of Teacher and State Employee Retirement Allowances on the Consumer Price Index."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of sections 2 and 3 and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §1124, sub-§4, first ¶, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

4. Cost of living adjustments. At any time that a retirement allowance adjustment is made for state retirees, the same percentage increase shall be applied to the payments made under subsection 1, paragraph B. All adjustments shall become effective on the same day as such retirees' allowance adjustments.

Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §1128, 2nd ¶, as enacted by PL 1965,c. 337, §4, is repealed and the following enacted in placethereof:

Future general adjustments shall be made to retirement allowances for all retired state employees, teachers or beneficiaries of either, whenever the Consumer Price Index increases by at least 3% for 3 consecutive months over the price index as of the effective date of this Act, or over the price index for the month last used to establish an adjustment. Each such adjustment shall be equal to the change in the index since the last adjustment to the nearest 1/10 of 1%, and shall become effective on the first day of the 3rd month after such

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change in the index is determined.'

Further amend said Bill by inserting at the end before the Statement of Fact the following:

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'Sec. 4. Effective date. This Act shall take effect 90 days after adjournment of the First Special Session of the 107th Legislature, or one day after the effective date of an Act of the First Special Session of the 107th Legislature, if any, that makes a general adjustment in state salaries for active state employees under the State Retirement System, whichever is later.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to clarify the provisions of this bill, and to allow any general salary increase enacted during this session to increase retirement benefits prior to shifting over to the Consumer Price Index method.

Filed by Mr. Ingegneri of Bangor.

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