

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 571

H. P. 466

House of Representatives, February 17, 1977

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Hickey of Augusta.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

RESOLVE, Providing a Pension for Elizabeth S. Violette of Augusta.

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

Whereas, Elizabeth S. Violette of Augusta who is about 60 years of age and is the widow of former retired state employee, Philip R. Violette; and

Whereas, Elizabeth S. Violette has experienced 3 shocks within a 3 year period which prompted her late husband, Philip R. Violette to retire in order to provide assistance and care for his wife; and

Whereas, Mr. Violette did retire on September 25, 1971, under full benefits in view of his wife's physical condition, and Mr. Violette passed away on August 15, 1972, leaving no benefits to his beneficiary; 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

Elizabeth S. Violette; state retirement benefits authorized. Resolved: That notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the Maine State Retirement System is directed to provide Elizabeth S. Violette with a pension of \$200 per month for the remainder of her lifetime, or until she becomes the dependent of another person; and be it further

Resolved: That there is appropriated from the General Fund to the Maine Retirement System the sum of \$38,813 to carry out the purposes of this resolve.

FISCAL NOTE

The appropriation of \$38,813 is based upon actuarial data supplied by the Executive Director of the Maine State Retirement System.

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

Philip R. Violette retired as a state employee with approximately 38 years of service under a plan which would provide full benefits during his lifetime, with no benefits to a beneficiary at his death. It is understood that Mr. Violette's reason for selecting the "full benefit" plan was that the prognosis for his wife's health was extremely poor. However, approximately 10 months after Mr. Violette's retirement he died suddenly, leaving his invalid wife with no means of support. Elizabeth Violette, although still in poor health, has continued physical therapy and does manage to remain in her home, and is in need of some degree of financial assistance to maintain herself.