

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 640

S. P. 225

In Senate, February 20, 1979

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

Presented by Senator Carpenter of Aroostook.

MAY M. ROSS, Secretary of the Senate

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

RESOLVE, to Provide a Minimum Retirement Credit to Mrs. M. Jerome Dickinson of Hodgdon.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Mrs. M. Jerome Dickinson; state retirement benefit authorized. Resolved: That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Maine State Retirement System is directed to provide Mrs. M. Jerome Dickinson of Hodgdon with a monthly benefit equal to the minimum monthly benefit which the Maine State Retirement System pays to a deceased member's spouse who qualified for ordinary death benefits under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1124. This monthly benefit shall continue for as long as Mrs. Dickinson shall live, unless she becomes the dependent of another person, at which time the benefits shall cease.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This resolve provides ordinary death benefits under the Maine State Retirement System to Mrs. M. Jerome Dickinson of Hodgdon. Her husband, although able to qualify for the necessary 10 years of service with the Maine State Retirement System, was led to believe that he had already qualified and then told that he had not, once the time had passed for him to be able to gain more necessary service.

After that time, Mr. Dickinson, despite a long series of appeals and hearings, was unable to gain credit for more than 9 years, 7 months and 17 days, despite lengthier municipal service for which his substantiation was rejected. As a result, upon Mr. Dickinson's death, his widow was left without the benefits to which she was otherwise entitled. This resolve would grant those benefits.