

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 618

H. P. 540

House of Representatives, February 4, 1981

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative Gavett of Orono.

Cosponsors: Representative Davies of Orono, Senator Devoe of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-ONE

AN ACT to Permit the Town of Orono to Withdraw from the Group Life Insurance Plan under the Maine State Retirement System.

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

Whereas, the town of Orono wishes to withdraw from the Group Life Insurance Program of the Maine State Retirement System; and

Whereas, withdrawal, if accomplished immediately, will result in a substantial savings to the town and will allow the town to take advantage of current premium quotations from private insurers; and

Whereas, the terms of this Act will protect the interests of town employees and retirees; 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:

Sec. 1. Withdrawal from Maine State Retirement System group life insurance

program authorized; procedure. The inhabitants of Orono, a municipality hereinafter called "the town," presently a participating local district in the Maine State Retirement System group life insurance program, hereinafter called "the program," are authorized to withdraw from further participation in the program upon the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

Sec. 2. Town to assume certain obligations. Following the effective date of this Act, the trustees of the system shall annually certify to the town the amount necessary to pay such pro rata cost of premiums and expenses as necessary to continue coverage under the plan for employees of the town and survivors of employees who had been retired prior to the withdrawal and had been covered under the program. The town shall annually appropriate and pay to the Maine State Retirement System the amount so certified.

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill permits the Town of Orono to withdraw from the Maine State Retirement System Group Life Insurance Program. The town would be required to continue pay expenses to provide coverage under the plan for those employees retired prior to withdrawal.