

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1446

H. P. 1227

House of Representatives, March 24, 1981.

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative D. Brown of Livermore Falls.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT Concerning Payment to the State Retirement System by Elected or Appointed State Officials.

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA § 1094, sub-§ 10-A is enacted to read:

§ 10-A. Elected and appointed officials. Any person who served as an elected official or official appointed for a fixed term and who, for any year of such service, was not a member of the retirement system may make contributions into the Members' Contribution Fund for any such year of service on the same basis as he would have made contributions had he been a member during that year, including the regular interest that would have been credited.

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA § 1121, sub-§ 1, ¶ A, as amended by PL 1969, c. 590, § 4-A, is further amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read:

For purposes of this paragraph any Legislator who resigns within the last 2 months of his term in order to assume another elected office is deemed to have served a full term as Legislator, provided that the Legislature was not in session at any time after the Legislator resigned.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purposes of this bill are:

1. To permit former elected or appointed state officials who were not members of the retirement system to buy their time by making contributions to the State Retirement System; and

2. To permit Legislators who resign their seats shortly before the end of their term in order to assume other elected office to claim that term as a "full term" for retirement purposes.