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In Senate, January 25, 1990

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27.

Reference to the Committee on Aging, Retirement and Veterans suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BERUBE of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Senator GAUVREAU of Androscoggin.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY

An Act to Exempt Certain Persons from the Payment of Interest on Excess Retirement Benefits.

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(After Deadline)

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

Sec. 1. Exemption from interest on excess retirement benefits. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 18457, the Maine State Retirement System may not require, without that person's consent, Normand R. Cloutier, Anthony N. Emmi or Herve T. Gendreau to pay interest on money received during certain years from the Maine State Retirement System that was in excess of that authorized by law. This exemption from interest payments applies only to money received for the years 1985-1987 for Mr. Gendreau, 1984-1987 for Mr. Cloutier and 1986-1987 for Mr. Emmi. Nothing in this section abridges any other rights of the Maine State Retirement System relative to money due from Mr. Gendreau, Mr. Cloutier and Mr. Emmi.

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Sec. 2. Finding. It is the finding of the Legislature that the circumstances surrounding the excess retirement benefits paid to Normand R. Cloutier, Anthony N. Emmi and Herve T. Gendreau are such that it is not practicable to provide for their resolution by general law.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Under current law, if a retired employee of a participating local district is receiving retirement benefits and accepts employment with the same district from which the employee had retired, the amount that the employee may earn is limited. If the employee earns more than the authorized amount and excess retirement benefits are paid to the employee, the law requires that the retirement system be reimbursed for the excess payments.

This bill exempts 3 retirees currently reemployed by the City of Lewiston from paying interest on excess retirement benefits that they owe to the retirement system for certain years of their employment, unless they willingly agree to a payment plan which includes payment of interest.