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18 SENATE AMENDMENT "A " to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 473,
L.D. 1269, Bill, "An Act Relating to the Retirement Benefits for
the Maine Warden Service"

20 Amend the amendment by inserting after Part B the following:

22 PART C

24 Sec. C-1. 5 MRSA §17714 is enacted to read:

26 §17714. Baxter State Park Authority rangers

28 A law enforcement officer in the employment of the Baxter
State Park Authority who elects the retirement option provided in
section 17851, subsection 12 shall contribute to the retirement
system or have pick-up contributions made by the employer as
provided in section 17852, subsection 11.

32 Sec. C-2. 5 MRSA §17851, sub-§12 is enacted to read:

34 12. Baxter State Park Authority rangers; option. A law
enforcement officer in the employment of the Baxter State Park
Authority qualifies for a service retirement benefit upon
reaching 55 years of age after completing at least 25 years of
creditable service in that capacity if notice of election of the
option and payment of employee contributions and actuarial costs
are made as provided in section 17852, subsection 11.

42 Sec. C-3. 5 MRSA §17852, sub-§11 is enacted to read:

44 11. Baxter State Park Authority rangers; option. The
retirement benefit of a person who qualifies under section 17851,

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2 subsection 12 and who retires upon or after reaching 55 years of
age is computed in accordance with subsection 1 if:

4 A. The person was first employed as a law enforcement
officer at the Baxter State Park Authority on or after
6 November 1, 1995, elects the option provided in section
17851, subsection 12 and pays to the retirement system an
8 increased employee payroll contribution in an amount that
equals the full actuarial cost of electing that option; or

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12 B. The person was first employed as a law enforcement
officer at the Baxter State Park Authority before November
14 1, 1995, elects the option provided in section 17851,
subsection 12 and pays to the retirement system single or
16 periodic payment of a lump sum or by a combination of single
and periodic payments of the amount that equals the full
18 actuarial cost of electing that option for service before
that date. A person who requests calculation of the full
20 actuarial cost, regardless of whether the person elects the
option, must pay to the retirement system by single lump sum
22 payment the reasonable administrative costs of determining
the full actuarial costs. Payment of the full actuarial
24 cost related to service on or after November 1, 1995 is made
as part of the employee payroll contribution.

26 For the purposes of this subsection, "full actuarial cost" means
that the person's payment or payments must fully offset any
28 unfunded liability that would or does result from retirement
under the option provided in section 17851, subsection 12 and
30 must fully fund the cost of the person's retirement prior to
normal retirement age so that an additional employer contribution
32 is not required.

34 A person who makes the election provided in section 17851,
subsection 12 at any time after the date on which the person is
36 first employed as a law enforcement officer at the Baxter State
Park Authority must include interest at a rate to be set by the
38 board not to exceed regular interest by 5 or more percentage
points, applied as of the date on which the person was first
40 employed in that capacity to the contributions the person would
have paid or had picked up by the employer had the person elected
42 that option at the date of first employment.

44 This subsection is effective November 1, 1995. Election to
retire under this subsection is a one-time irrevocable election.
46 A person who was first employed as a law enforcement officer at
the Baxter State Park Authority on or after November 1, 1995 must
48 make the election no later than 90 days after the date of first
employment. A person who was first employed in that capacity

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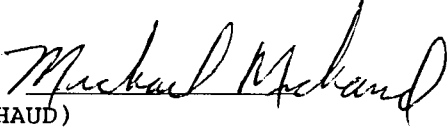
before November 1, 1995 must make the election no later than
November 1, 1996.'

Further amend the amendment in Part C in section 1 in the
3rd line from the end (page 5, line 38 in amendment) by striking
out the following: "subsections 5-A or 6-A" and inserting in its
place the following: 'subsection 5-A, 6-A or 12' and in the last
line (page 5, line 40 in amendment) by striking out the
following: "sections" and inserting in its place the following:
'subsections'

Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any
nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read
consecutively.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment expands the committee amendment to provide a
retirement option for Baxter State Park Authority rangers.
Anyone employed in that capacity now or in the future may
participate in either the regular retirement plan for state
employees or an optional retirement plan that permits retirement
with full benefits at age 55 with at least 25 years of service.
Each employee who elects the optional plan must pay to the Maine
State Retirement System the full actuarial and administrative
costs of retiring under that plan, including interest on back
payments due for current employees. The option takes effect
November 1, 1995. Current employees may elect the plan within
one year and future employees within 90 days of being hired.

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