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No. 1955

S.P. 707

In Senate, December 29, 1997

An Act to Restore the Normal Retirement Age for State Employees and Teachers.

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on December 29, 1997. Referred to the Committee on Labor and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 308.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CATHCART of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative HATCH of Skowhegan and
Senators: RAND of Cumberland, TREAT of Kennebec.

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

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4 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §17851, sub-§1**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 410,
Pt. L, §32, is further amended to read:

6 **1. Member in service.** A member who is in service when
8 reaching 60 years of age, or is in service after reaching 60
years of age, qualifies for a service retirement benefit if the
member:

10 A. Retires upon or after reaching 60 years of age; and

12 B. Has been in service for a minimum of one year
14 immediately before retirement or has at least 10 years of
16 creditable service, which may include creditable service as
18 a member of the Maine Legislative Retirement System under
Title 3, section 701, subsection 8, before becoming a member
of the Maine State Retirement System.

20 ~~This subsection applies to members who, on July 1, 1993, have 10~~
22 ~~years of creditable service or who have reached 60 years of age~~
24 ~~and have been in service for a minimum of one year immediately~~
26 ~~before that date. For the purpose of calculating creditable~~
28 ~~service under this subsection only, creditable service includes~~
30 ~~time during which a member participated in the voluntary cost~~
32 ~~savings plan or the voluntary employee incentive program,~~
34 ~~authorized by Public Law 1989, chapter 702, section F-6 and~~
~~Public Law 1991, chapter 591, Part BB and chapter 780, Part VV,~~
~~or 10 years of combined creditable service under this Part and~~
~~Title 3, chapter 29, or creditable service available to a member~~
~~that the member was eligible to purchase on June 30, 1993 and~~
~~that the member does purchase in accordance with rules adopted by~~
~~the board.~~

36 **Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §17851, sub-§1-A**, as amended by PL 1993, c.
410, Pt. L, §33, is repealed.

38 **Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §17851, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 1993, c. 410,
Pt. L, §34, is further amended to read:

40 **2. Member not in service.** A member who is not in service
42 when reaching 60 years of age qualifies for a service retirement
benefit if the member:

44 A. Retires upon or after reaching 60 years of age; and

46 B. Has at least 10 years of creditable service or 5 full
48 terms as a Legislator, which may include creditable service
as a member of the Maine Legislative Retirement System under

2 Title 3, section 701, subsection 8, before becoming a member
of the Maine State Retirement System.

4 ~~This subsection applies to members who, on July 1, 1993, have 10~~
5 ~~years of creditable service. For the purpose of calculating~~
6 ~~creditable service under this subsection only, creditable service~~
7 ~~includes time during which a member participated in the voluntary~~
8 ~~cost savings plan or the voluntary employee incentive program,~~
9 ~~authorized by Public Law 1989, chapter 702, section F-6 and~~
10 ~~Public Law 1991, chapter 591, Part BB and chapter 780, Part VV,~~
11 ~~or 10 years of combined creditable service under this Part and~~
12 ~~Title 3, chapter 29, or creditable service available to a member~~
13 ~~that the member was eligible to purchase on June 30, 1993 and~~
14 ~~that the member does purchase in accordance with rules adopted by~~
15 ~~the board.~~

16 Sec. 4. 5 MRSA §17851, sub-§2-A, as amended by PL 1993, c.
17 410, Pt. L, §35, is repealed.

20 **SUMMARY**

22 This bill restores the retirement age for state employees
23 and teachers in the Maine State Retirement System to 60 years of
24 age.