

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

HOUSE NO. 301

In House of Representatives, Feb. 23, 1915.
Reported by Mr. Ryder from Committee on Federal Relations and ordered printed under joint rules.
C. C. HARVEY, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

Memorial to Congress relative to Retirement and Pensions of
Civil Service Employees.

Whereas, Every civilized nation in the world, except the United States, has found it necessary in the interest of economy and efficiency in the conduct of its government to enact laws for the retirement of its superannuated civil service employees; and

Whereas, The large railroad companies and industrial corporations of this country have proved it to be good business policy to retire their old and disabled employees on an annuity as a reward for long and faithful service; and

Whereas, The enactment of a law for the retirement of over 5000 superannuated employees in the civil service of the United States would add materially to its efficiency and economy by the infusion of young blood at the minimum wages in place of worn-out men at the maximum wage; and

Whereas, There is pending in congress at present a measure known as the Hamil Bill, H. R. 5139, which, if enacted into law, will provide for the retirement of superannuated employees in the civil service; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the 77th Legislature of the State of Maine
2 does hereby heartily endorse said bill and request that fa-
3 vorable action be taken thereon; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be forwarded to
5 the President of the United States, to the chairman of the
6 Civil Service Reform in both branches of Congress, and to
7 the Senators and Representatives of this state.

63D CONGRESS, 1ST SESSION—H. R. 5139.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MAY 15, 1913.

Mr. HAMILL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Reform in the Civil Service and ordered to be printed.

A BILL

To provide for the retirement of employees in the civil service.
Civil Service Employees.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That beginning with the first day of July next following
4 the passage of this Act all employees in the classified civil
5 service shall be eligible for retirement as hereinafter
5 provided.

7 Sec. 2. That any employee in the classified civil serv-
8 ice who has served the United States for thirty years or
9 more shall, upon his or her request, be retired from the
10 service on an annuity of fifty per centum of his or her annual
11 salary based upon the average annual salary, pay, or com-
12 pensation he or she may have received for the five years

1 next preceding retirement. Any employee in the classified
2 civil service who has served the United States for a period
3 of from twenty-five to thirty years shall, upon his or her
4 request, be retired from the service on an annuity of forty-
5 five per centum of his or her annual salary based upon the
6 average annual salary, pay, or compensation he or she may
7 have received for the five years next preceding retirement.
8 Any employee in the classified civil service who has served
9 the United States for a period of from twenty to twenty-five
10 years shall, upon his or her request, be retired from the
11 service on an annuity of forty per centum of his or her
12 annual salary based upon the average annual salary, pay,
13 or compensation he or she may have received for the five
14 years next preceding retirement.

15 Sec. 3. That no employee provided for in this Act
16 shall be retained in the service after arriving at the age of
17 seventy years.

18 Sect. 4. That the payments provided for in this Act
19 shall be paid quarterly throughout the life of the employee.

20 Sec. 5. That any employee to whom this Act applies
21 who has served the United States for not less than five years,
22 and who, by reason of accident or illness not due to vicious
23 habits and without fault or delinquency on his or her part,
24 has become disabled shall be retired from the service on
25 certificate from the head of the department or independent

1 office in which he or she is employed to the Secretary of
2 the Treasury setting forth such disabilities, and on the ap-
3 proval of the Secretary of the Treasury he or she shall receive
4 an annuity, payable quarterly, of thirty per centum of his
5 or her annual salary, based upon his or her average annual
6 salary, pay, or compensation for the five years next preceding
7 his or her retirement, for from five to ten years of service;
8 forty per centum for from ten to twenty years of service;
9 fifty per centum for from twenty-one years and over.

10 Sec. 6. That for the purposes of this Act the period of
11 service shall be computed from original employment, whether
12 as a classified or unclassified employee, and shall include
13 periods of service at different times, and service in one or
14 more departments, branches, or independent offices of the
15 Government, the Signal Corps prior to July first, eighteen
16 hundred and ninety-one, and the general service in or under
17 the War Department prior to May sixth, eighteen hundred
18 and ninety-six.

19 Sec. 7. That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby
20 authorized and directed to pay, out of any moneys in the
21 Treasury not otherwise appropriated, a sum sufficient to
22 carry out the purposes of this Act.

23 Sec. 8. That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby
24 authorized to perform or cause to be performed any and all

1 acts and to make such rules and regulations as may be neces-
2 sary and proper for the purpose of carrying the provisions
3 of this Act into full force and effect.