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Reported by Senator Burkett of Knox from Committee on Pensions and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-SEVEN

**AN ACT Relative to Pensions for Members of the Police Force in the
Town of Houlton.**

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

Sec. 1. Pension provided for. A pension equal to $\frac{1}{2}$ of the regular pay received by members of the police force in the town of Houlton, payable on the 1st day of the month, is hereby provided for, to be paid by the town of Houlton to those members or former members of the Houlton police force who qualify under the following provisions:

First: To any member or former member of said force who shall be certified to the selectmen of said town, in writing by a physician satisfactory to said selectmen or, if required by the said selectmen, by a majority of a disinterested board of physicians appointed by said selectmen, as being permanently incapacitated, either mentally or physically, by injuries sustained through no fault of his in the actual performance of duty.

Second: To any member or former member of said police force who has performed faithful service therein for a period of not less than 20 years, if, in the judgment of the selectmen of said town such member is incapacitated for further useful service in said department.

Third: To any member or former member of said force who has performed faithful service therein for a period of not less than 20 years, provided said member has reached the age of 65 years.

Sec. 2. Members of family provided for. A pension equal to $\frac{3}{4}$ of the regular pay received by members of the police force in the town of Houlton, payable on the 1st day of the month, is hereby provided for, to be paid by said town to any member of said police force who, through no fault of his, and while in the performance of his official duty shall receive injuries causing his death or totally disabling him for labor, while living, or while so disabled; and at and after his decease the same to be paid to his widow, if any, if no widow, to the guardians of his children, if 2 or more, pro rata, until they reach the age of 16 years; if but 1 child survives, said child shall receive in lieu of the foregoing an amount equal to $\frac{1}{2}$ of the regular pay received by members of the police force in the town of Houlton, until he or she reaches the age of 16 years.

Sec. 3. Temporary service of pensioned persons. All persons pensioned under the provisions of this act shall, in case of emergency, upon call of the selectmen of said town, or chief of police, be liable to temporary service in the police department for which he is fitted, and during such service shall be entitled to $\frac{1}{2}$ pay in addition to his pension.

Sec. 4. Money to be appropriated. The town of Houlton is hereby authorized to appropriate money to provide for the payment of pensions authorized by this act.

Sec. 4-A. Deduction from salary. In lieu of the provisions of section 4, provided the qualified voters of said town so vote, there shall be deducted from the salary of each member of said police force an amount equal to 5% of his salary. In the event any member of said force resigns or his services are otherwise terminated, he shall immediately receive from said town the amounts previously deducted as aforesaid plus interest at the rate of 5% per annum.

Sec. 5. Acceptance by majority vote. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by a majority vote of the qualified voters of the town of Houlton at any annual or special meeting legally called to consider this act.