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ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FORTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to the Jointly Contributory Retirement System.

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

Sec. 1. Pensions for certain employees and officials of the state. Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 227-A to 227-T, inclusive, of chapter 1 of the public laws of 1933, as amended, all employees and officials of the state who have been employed in the service of the state for a term of 25 years or more, or who have attained the age of 70 years and have been employed for 20 years in said service, and any officer of the state prison who has been employed in the prison service in the state for a term of 25 years or more or who has attained the age of 60 years and shall have been employed for 20 years in said service, shall, at their request, be retired by the governor and council on an annual pension equal to $\frac{1}{2}$ of their average annual salary during the preceding 5 years. Any person receiving a pension hereunder shall not receive any other pension from the state.

Sec. 2. Governor and council may pension certain employees and officials. The governor and council may in their discretion grant such pensions in such annual amount as seems fair and equitable to them to employees and officials of the state who have reached the age of 70 years or who have become incapacitated for future work, not to exceed $\frac{1}{2}$ of their average annual salary during the preceding 5 years, to be paid monthly.

Sec. 3. Limitation. This act shall affect only those employees and

officials who, on its effective date, shall have been in the service of the state for a period of 5 years or more.

It is also the intent of this act to permit employees and officials who have served the state, while the provisions of sections 20 to 23, inclusive, of chapter 158 of the revised statutes, and acts amendatory and additional thereto including sections 227 to 233 of chapter 1 of the public laws of 1933 were in effect, for a period of 5 years or more, whether they have now become or may later become a member in the "Jointly Contributory Retirement System" to have an election as to which of the two plans they may adopt at the time of their retirement, and to permit said employees and officials to be eligible for the pension provided for herein, whether or not they have become members of said "Jointly Contributory Retirement System."