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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-FIVE

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AN ACT to Increase Teachers' Pensions.

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

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 37, § 212, amended.** Section 212 of chapter 37 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 212. Teachers who may be entitled to an annual pension of \$600.** Except as provided in section 241, any person of either sex who, on the 30th day of September 1913, or thereafter, shall have reached the age of 60 years and who for 35 years shall have been engaged in teaching as his principal occupation, and who shall have been employed as a teacher or teacher and supervisor in the public schools, or in such other schools within this state as are supported wholly or at least  $\frac{3}{5}$  by state or town appropriation and are under public management and control, 20 years of which employment, including the 15 years immediately preceding retirement, shall have been in this state, and who shall be retired by his employer or shall voluntarily retire from active service after completion of the school year next preceding the 30th day of September, 1913, shall, on his formal application, receive from the state for the remainder of his life an annual pension of ~~\$500~~ \$600; provided, however, that after the 30th day of September, 1913, no such employment as teacher within this state shall be included in its provisions unless the teacher shall hold a state teachers' certificate issued under the authority of the commissioner.'

**Sec. 2. R. S., c. 37, § 213, amended.** Section 213 of chapter 37 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'**Sec. 213. Teachers who may receive an annual pension of \$500.** Except as provided in section 241, any person of either sex who, on the 30th day of September, 1913, or thereafter, shall have reached the age of 60 years and who for 30 years shall have been engaged in teaching as his principal occupation and who shall have in all other respects met the requirements of the preceding section shall, on his formal application, receive from the state for the remainder of his life an annual pension of ~~\$375~~ \$500.'

**Sec. 3. R. S., c. 37, § 214, amended.** Section 214 of chapter 37 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'**Sec. 214. Teachers who may receive an annual pension of \$400.** Except as provided in section 241, any person of either sex who, on the 30th day of September, 1913, or thereafter, shall have reached the age of 60 years and who for 25 years shall have been engaged in teaching as his principal occupation, and who shall have in all other respects met the requirements of section 212 shall, on his formal application, receive from the state for the remainder of his life an annual pension of ~~\$275~~ \$400.'

**Sec. 4. R. S., c. 37, §§ 218-A - 218-C, additional.** Chapter 37 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto 3 new sections to be numbered 218-A to 218-C, inclusive, to read as follows:

'**Sec. 218-A. Contributions.** Each and every teacher who may be eligible to retire under the provisions of sections 212 to 218, inclusive, shall be required to contribute 5% of his or her salary, annually, not to exceed \$60 a year, which contributions shall be added to the amounts appropriated by the legislature to provide pensions for teachers retired under the provisions of sections 212 to 218, inclusive. It shall be the duty of each employer to deduct from each and every payroll period such amounts as are required to meet the provisions herein provided. The amount of such deductions shall be certified by the superintendent of schools and approved by the governing board to the treasurer of the town and also to the commissioner. The treasurer of the town shall forward in not exceeding 2 payments to the treasurer of state on or before June 30 following the total of the amounts so deducted.

**Sec. 218-B. Members withdrawing; death.** Any teacher contributing under the provisions of section 218-A who withdraws from service in the public schools of the state by resignation or dismissal, before becoming

eligible to retirement under the provisions of sections 212 to 218, inclusive, shall be entitled to receive all amounts contributed as assessments.

In case of death of such teacher, under the circumstances above set forth, the amounts to which he or she would be entitled, if living, shall be paid to a surviving husband or wife, or to the legal representatives of such deceased member as such member may have elected.

Sec. 218-C. Reinstatement. Any teacher in service prior to July 1, 1924, who shall have withdrawn from service in the public schools of the state, shall, on being reemployed therein, be eligible to receive a pension under the provisions of sections 212 to 218, inclusive, upon payment to the state of an amount equal to 5% of the salary he received during his last year of service as a teacher in the public schools of the state for each year he was absent from such service.'