

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 2125

House of Representatives, February 6, 1950

On motion by Miss Longstaff of Crystal, received out of order under suspension of the rules, referred to the Committees on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, Welfare and Education, jointly. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Miss Longstaff of Crystal.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FIFTY

AN ACT Relating to Elderly Teachers' Pensions.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, elderly retired teachers have faithfully served the youth of this state for many years; and

Whereas, pensions now given by the state to such teachers are in appreciation of their service; and

Whereas, due to increased cost of living such pensions are inadequate to provide for the bare necessities of life; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 60, §§ 6-B, 6-C, 6-D, amended. Sections 6-B, 6-C and 6-D of chapter 60 of the revised statutes, as enacted by section 107 of

chapter 349 of the public laws of 1949, are hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 6-B. Teachers who may be entitled to an annual pension of \$700. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, 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 \$700; 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 teacher's certificate issued under the authority of the commissioner of education.

Sec. 6-C. Teachers who may receive an annual pension of \$600. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, 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 \$600.

Sec. 6-D. Teachers who may receive an annual pension of \$500. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, 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 6-B shall, on his formal application, receive from the state for the remainder of his life an annual pension of \$500.'

Sec. 2. Limitation. Increases in the pensions hereinbefore authorized shall apply only to those teachers who have retired under the provisions of sections 6-B, 6-C and 6-D of chapter 60 of the revised statutes (formerly sections 212, 213 and 214 of chapter 37 of the revised statutes), who have had service prior to June, 1924 and who made no contributions during their working years.

Sec. 3. Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated from the unappropriated surplus of the general fund the sum of \$21,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1950 and \$60,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1951 to carry out the provisions of this act.

Sec. 4. Emergency clause. The provisions of this act shall become effective March 1, 1950.