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Legislative Document

No. 1034

S. P. 368

In Senate, February 24, 1953.

Referred to Committee on Business Legislation. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Reid of Kennebec.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-THREE

**AN ACT Relating to Retiring Allowances or Life Insurance for Officers
and Employees of Savings Banks.**

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

R. S., c. 55, § 47, sub-§ I, amended. Subsection I of section 47 of chapter 55 of the revised statutes, as amended by section 1, chapter 102 of the public laws of 1945, and as further amended by section 1 of chapter 109 of the public laws of 1949, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'I. A savings bank, by vote of its trustees, may retire any officer or employee who shall have given his whole time to the service of the bank and shall have been continuously in receipt of a regular salary from the bank for 20 or more years and shall have arrived at the age of 65 years or has been continuously in the employ of the bank for not less than 15 years and has become incapacitated for any cause for further service in his office or position; or at any time, if he shall become so incapacitated by reason of injuries suffered by him in the discharge of his duties to the bank. The trustees may pay to him during the remainder of his life, in equal monthly installments, a yearly allowance of such amount as shall be deemed reasonable, based on the character and length of service rendered and other relevant circumstances. If the trustees decide to pay

such allowances entirely from the bank's fund, they shall immediately set aside from the reserve fund or other surplus earnings, a special fund sufficient in amount, according to actuarial standards, to meet the cost thereof for any member or members of the bank's staff whose time for retirement has arrived or is near; and yearly, or oftener thereafter, shall appropriate from the current earnings and credit to such special fund amounts sufficient to create, as soon as may be, and maintain, for the payment of the allowances to the other members of the bank's staff, a fund sufficient therefor according to said standards; or, if the trustees prefer, they may enter into an agreement with an insurance company for the setting up of such reserves and the payment of the pensions **or may carry out the foregoing provisions by means of an agreement with a trustee which may permit combination with funds similarly held for other banking and trust institutions all as approved by the bank commissioner.**

The trustees may also, subject to the approval of the bank commissioner, set up a retirement plan, by means of an agreement with a trustee which may permit combination with funds similarly held for other banking and trust institutions, for the payment of retirement benefits to employees, irrespective of the period of service of such employees, which plan may also permit the employee to elect to receive an optional form of annuity which provides for actuarially reduced monthly payments commencing at retirement date of the employee and continuing during the employee's lifetime, and for the continuance of such payments, or a specified percentage thereof, to a provisional payee, if living, after the employee's death.'