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**Legislative Document**

**No. 1295**

S. P. 473

In Senate, March 5, 1953.

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

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Haskell of Penobscot and received by unanimous consent.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-THREE

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**RESOLVE, In Favor of Althea C. Ward, of Augusta.**

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**Althea C. Ward; retirement allowance. Resolved:** That Althea C. Ward of Augusta be granted a retirement benefit in accordance with the provisions of Option 2 as set forth in section 10 of chapter 60 of the revised statutes, as amended; said benefit to be effective as of February 24, 1953.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Ernest A. Ward, an employee of the state highway commission for many years, died on February 23, 1953. From the records of the state retirement system it is found that the late Mr. Ward had 20 years and 2 months of "Prior Service" — that is, service rendered prior to July 1, 1942 — and became a contributing member of the retirement system on July 1, 1943.

He was advised some time ago of the amount of back contributions that were involved for the first year of the operation of the retirement system during which he was not a contributing member and evidently had in mind making up some or all of these back contributions but apparently passed

away before getting around to it. Had he in fact made contributions for even a period of 2 months of that first year, he would have had at point of death a total of 30 years of creditable service toward retirement, by virtue of which his wife would have been entitled to an automatic retirement benefit under the provision of Option 2.

The purpose of this resolve in effect is to add to Mr. Ward's creditable service approximately 2 months, by virtue of which his widow would attain eligibility for the automatic retirement benefit.