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Chapter 172

AN ACT to Empower Towns and Cities to Establish Pensions and Retirements for Employees.

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

R. S., c. 5, § 136, amended. Section 136 of chapter 5 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding thereto a new subsection to be numbered XVI, and to read as follows:

'XVI. Towns and cities may establish and adopt by-laws and ordinances for the purposes of: establishing and maintaining a general system of contributory pensions and retirements for the benefit of their officers, agents, servants and employees, with necessary classifications and terms of admission; establishing boards to administer such systems; and contributing funds toward the maintenance of such systems and appropriating and raising moneys therefor. All moneys appropriated by any city or town for the operation of such pension or retirement system together with any moneys contributed by any person eligible to participate in such system shall be administered by the board created for such purpose and shall be kept in a separate fund to be invested and disbursed by said board. Cities and towns which establish such systems in accordance with the provisions of this sub-section may contract with any insurance company licensed to do business in the state for the payment of said pensions or retirement benefits. Any funds held by a city or town or by a board established thereby shall be exempt from attachment or trustee process.'

Approved April 15, 1937.

Chapter 173

AN ACT Relating to Impeachment of Witnesses.

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

R. S., c. 96, § 118, amended. Section 118 of chapter 96 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 118. When testimony of a party may be contradicted by coplaintiffs or co-defendants. When one of the plaintiffs or defendants a party, either nominal or real, or the husband or wife of a party, is used as a witness by the opposite an adverse party, testimony may be introduced by his co plaintiffs or co defendants such adverse party to contradict or discredit him, as if he were not a party to the suit.'

Approved April 15, 1937.