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**STATE OF MAINE**

As Passed by the Ninety-first Legislature

**1943**

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## Chapter 58

### AN ACT Relating to Membership in the Jointly-Contributory Retirement System for Employees of the Inland Fish and Game Department.

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

P. L., 1933, c. 1, § 227-E, sub-§ 2, amended. Subsection 2 of section 227-E of chapter 1 of the public laws of 1933, as enacted by chapter 328 of the public laws of 1941, is hereby amended by adding thereto a new paragraph to be lettered (d) and to read as follows:

'(d) Any warden of the department of inland fisheries and game who is a member of this system and who has creditable service of at least 25 years may be retired at one-half of his average final compensation provided such retirement is requested either by the member or commissioner. If any such member should become eligible under the provisions of this system, as a result of prior service and membership service, to a retirement allowance in excess of one-half of his average final compensation he shall be entitled to the higher retirement allowance.'

Effective July 9, 1943

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## Chapter 59

### AN ACT Relating to the Definition of Interest Under the Teachers' Retirement System.

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

R. S., c. 19, § 228, sub-§ (4), amended. Subsection (4) of section 228 of chapter 19 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

'(4) "Interest" unless herein otherwise provided, shall mean compound interest ~~at  $\frac{7}{100}$  or~~ at such rate as may be determined by the retirement board.'

Effective July 9, 1943

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## Chapter 60

### AN ACT Relating to Counting Ballots.

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

R. S., c. 8, § 18, amended. Section 18 of chapter 8 of the revised statutes, as amended by chapter 34 of the public laws of 1931 and as amended by

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chapter 201 of the public laws of 1933 and as amended by chapter 207 of the public laws of 1941, is further amended to read as follows:

**‘Sec. 18. Ballots, how counted.** The ballots shall be sorted and counted in open town or ward meeting by election officials, duly sworn by town or city clerks who shall be considered public officials. Any person in the employ of any political party or its agents or in the employ of any candidate for election or his agent or in the employ of any corporation interested in any referendum within 6 months next prior to the election or referendum shall not serve as such election officer. The ballots counted by the election officers shall be made up into secure packages and each such package shall have plainly written or stamped thereon the name of the officials counting the ballots in such package; and all such election officers shall sign and file a ~~sworn~~ statement of their count of such package ~~that they counted with such package~~. The counting of ballots shall be done in such manner as to afford the electors present opportunity to observe the sorting and counting, and the result shall be declared and recorded in open town or ward meeting. When the ballots have been so sorted and counted and the result so declared and recorded, each lot of ballots together with the ~~sworn~~ signed statement of the count of that lot thereof shall in open meeting be sealed in a package by the election official or officials who counted the same. The package so sealed shall be placed in the container in which ballots had been delivered at the polling place together with all unused ballots and said container sealed before removal from the polling place to the office of the city, town or plantation clerk. The check lists which have been used at such polling place shall likewise be sealed and forthwith returned to the city, town or plantation clerk. In case 2 or more kinds of official ballots are used in any election each kind shall be sealed in a separate package. All ballots and check lists and ~~sworn~~ signed statements of said officials, shall be so sealed that the packages and check lists cannot be opened or examined without first breaking the seal; and the sealed packages of ballots cast at any state election or at any election of the electors of president and vice-president of the United States shall have an indorsement of substantially the following tenor indorsed thereon or securely affixed thereon: “This package contains the ballots cast at an election for held in the                      of                      (or in ward                      of the city of                      ) on the                      day of                      19                      ; said ballots were sorted, counted, result declared and recorded, and this package sealed in open meeting in accordance with section 18 of chapter 8 of the revised statutes.” Such indorsement shall be signed by the town, plantation, or ward clerk and by a majority of the selectmen of towns and the assessors of plantations, or by the wardens in cities or voting precincts. The ballots and check lists and ~~sworn~~ signed statements of said officials returned to the city clerk after any city election and all other ballots returned to him, which he is not required

to forward to the secretary of state according to the provisions of section 47, shall be preserved by him as a public record for 6 months. This section is hereby made applicable to primary elections, and all elections and referendum questions.'

Effective July 9, 1943

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## Chapter 61

### AN ACT Relating to Mirrors on Motor Vehicles.

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

R. S., c. 29, § 113, amended. Section 113 of chapter 29 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 113. Mirror must be attached to motor vehicles which are so constructed or loaded that operator does not have a clear view to rear. No person shall operate upon any public way any taxicab, commercial motor vehicle, motor truck, or trailer so constructed, equipped, loaded, or used that the driver or operator is prevented from having a constantly free and unobstructed view of the highway immediately in the rear, unless there is attached to the vehicle a mirror or reflector so placed and adjusted as to afford the operator a clear, reflected view of the highway in the rear of the vehicle, for a distance of at least 50 feet. ~~Such mirror or reflector shall measure at least 6 inches in diameter or length.~~

Effective July 9, 1943

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## Chapter 62

### AN ACT Relating to the Registration of Farm Tractors.

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

R. S., c. 29, § 50, amended. Section 50 of chapter 29 of the revised statutes, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding thereto, after the 3rd paragraph thereof, the following paragraph:

'No registration or license shall be required for a farm tractor when the same is used solely for farming purposes, and such farm tractors may be operated, without registration or license, from or to the premises where the same are kept to or from a farm lot, and between farm lots, used for farm purposes by the owner of the farm tractor.'

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