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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

Ninety-fourth Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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'Competent defense counsel may be assigned by the superior court in any criminal cases, and shall be assigned in all cases punishable by imprisonment for life, when it appears that the accused has not sufficient means to employ counsel and the court shall order reasonable compensation to be paid to counsel out of the county treasury for such services rendered in any case punishable by imprisonment for life, and compensation may be allowed by the court in cases of other felonies, but no compensation shall be allowed counsel for services in lesser cases.'

Effective August 6, 1949

Chapter 101

AN ACT Permitting Public Library Corporations and Maine Municipal Association to Participate in State Employees' Retirement System.

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

R. S., c. 60, § 16, sub-§ I, amended. Subsection I of section 16 of chapter 60 of the revised statutes, as revised by section 3 of chapter 384 of the public laws of 1947, is hereby amended to read as follows:

'I. The employees of any county, city, town, water district, **public library corporation** or any other quasi-municipal corporation of the state, or of **Maine Municipal Association**, may participate in the retirement system, to the full extent of any and all benefits provided for in this chapter provided the county commissioners, or the city council or corresponding body of a city, or the voters of a town at a duly constituted town meeting, or the trustees of a water ~~districts~~ district, **public library corporation** or other quasi-municipal ~~corporations~~ corporation, or the active member municipalities of **Maine Municipal Association** through its executive committee, approve such participation and file with the board of trustees a duly certified copy of the resolution of the county commissioners or of the city council or such corresponding body approving such participation and the extent of the benefits which shall apply, or a record of the vote of the town voters certified by the clerk of the town meeting. Such county, city, town, water district, **public library corporation** or other quasi-municipal corporation, or **Maine Municipal Association**, approving the participation of its employees in the retirement system shall thereafter be known for the purposes of this chapter as "a participating local district". Such county, city, town, water ~~districts~~ district, **public library corporation** or other quasi-municipal ~~corporations~~ corporation, or **Maine**

Municipal Association, shall designate in their approval any class of employees, otherwise provided for by local pension provisions, who may be exempted from the provisions of this chapter. The date when the participation of the employees of a participating local district may begin shall be set by the board of trustees not more than 6 months following the date the local district approved the participation of its employees. This date shall be considered as the date of establishment for participating local districts as defined in section 2 of this chapter.'

Effective August 6, 1949

Chapter 102

AN ACT Relating to Transfer of Certificates of Motor Vehicles for Hire.

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

R. S., c. 44, § 5-A, additional. Chapter 44 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 5-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 5-A. Transfer of certificate. Any such certificate may be assigned and transferred, with the approval and consent of the commission but not otherwise, or by the holder or the personal representatives of said holder to whom the rights and privileges under said certificate shall pass at the death of said holder. The commission is authorized to prescribe the conditions precedent to such transfer and make any necessary rules and regulations pertaining thereto.'

Effective August 6, 1949

Chapter 103

AN ACT Relating to Maine Forestry District Taxes.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves passed by the legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and