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Sec. 26. Participating local districts. 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 this group life insurance program, 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 water districts or public library corporations or other quasi-municipal 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 or a record of the vote of the town voters certified by the clerk of the town meeting approving such participation and the extent of the benefits which shall apply. Such county, city, town, water district, public library corporation or other quasimunicipal corporation or Maine Municipal Association approving the participation of its employees in this group life insurance program shall thereafter be known for the purposes of this chapter as a "participating local district." Such county, city, town, water districts or public library corporations or other quasimunicipal corporations or Maine Municipal Association shall designate in their approval any class of employees who may be exempted from the provisions of this chapter. Seventy-five percent of the eligible employees of each participating district shall be the minimum number permissible as a coverage group. 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.

The chief fiscal officer of a participating local district shall submit to the Board of Trustees such information, and shall cause to be performed such duties, in respect to the employees of such local district as shall be prescribed by the Board of Trustees in order to carry out the provisions of this chapter, and shall pay such pro rata cost of premiums and expenses as may be levied by the Board of Trustees.'

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 452

AN ACT Relating to Education in Unorganized Territory.

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

Sec. I. R. S., c. 4I, § 16I, amended. The 2nd paragraph of section 16I of chapter 4I of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'It is further provided that, in the case of any youth qualified for attendance at secondary school in accordance with the provisions of the preceding paragraph, who resides with his parents, legal guardian or person acting in loco parentis, on a Maine coast island in the unorganized territory, so located that in the judgment of the Commissioner attendance at secondary school necessitates boarding away from home and the arrangement is approved by him in advance upon a form provided for the purpose, the State shall pay an amount for this purpose toward his board not to exceed \$180 for the school year or a prorated amount for any fraction thereof. Payment for said board shall be

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made, upon receipt of a satisfactory attendance record, at the end of periods not longer less than one school month and subject to such rules and regulations as the Commissioner may establish.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 41, § 164, amended. Section 164 of chapter 41 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 164. Unorganized territory school fund. Such amounts as are necessary to carry out the provisions of sections 159, 160, 161, 164, 165, 177 and 183 shall be paid out of the unorganized territory school fund heretofore established. The Commissioner is authorized to use this fund for any purpose in connection with the schooling of children in the unorganized territory of the State, including: salaries, board and traveling expenses of teachers and supervisors; conferences, training programs and professional improvement of teachers; fuel and janitor service; tuition, board and transportation of elementary and secondary school pupils; secondary school tuition; text and reference books, school apparatus and supplies; leases or rentals of lots or school buildings; minor repairs to school buildings or equipment; services, expenses and fees of agents, attendance officers and clerical assistance; office expenses; utility service; school medical and dental services; and any other expenses he may deem necessary to carry out the purposes of the above-mentioned sections.'

Sec. 3. Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated from the general fund of the state the sum of \$25,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1956 and \$25,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1957 to carry out the purposes of this Act.

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 453

AN ACT Increasing the Salary of the County Attorney of Sagadahoc County.

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

R. S., c. 89, § 114, amended. That part of section 114 of chapter 89 of the revised statutes which relates to the salary of the county attorney of Sagadahoc county is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Sagadahoc, \$1,500 **\$2,500**,'

Effective August 20, 1955

Chapter 454

AN ACT Relating to Transfer of Prisoners at Maine State Prison to Federal Penal Institution.

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

R. S., c. 27, § 32-A, additional. Chapter 27 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 32-A, to read as follows: