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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

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OF THE

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If reasonably consistent with other essential uses of State House office space, these facilities shall continue to be assigned for press use while the Legislature is not in session, but in any case, reasonably adequate facilities shall also be made available to the press at all other times.

All facilities so provided shall be properly maintained by the Bureau of Public Improvements.'

Effective August 28, 1957

Chapter 147

AN ACT Increasing Payments to Penobscot County Law Library.

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

R. S., c. 89, § 135, amended. That part of section 135 of chapter 89 of the Revised Statutes which relates to payments to the Penobscot county law library is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Penobscot, ~~\$1,750~~ \$2,000.'

Effective August 28, 1957

Chapter 148

AN ACT Permitting Convicts at State Prison to Attend Funerals Outside.

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

R. S., c. 27, § 23-A, additional. Chapter 27 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 23-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 23-A. Prisoners to attend funerals. Convicts of the State Prison may, at the discretion of the Warden, attend funerals of their legally considered mother, father, wife, son or daughter, if the funeral is held within the State of Maine. If the convict has the funds he must pay the cost of transportation and the officer's salary who takes him to the funeral.'

Effective August 28, 1957

Chapter 149

AN ACT Relating to Deduction of Sentence of Prisoners in Maine State Prison.

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

R. S., c. 27, § 28, amended. Section 28 of chapter 27 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the 1st sentence thereof, a new sentence, as follows:

'An additional one day per month may be deducted from the sentence of those convicts who are assigned duties outside the prison walls.'

Effective August 28, 1957

Chapter 150

AN ACT Relating to Benefits of Social Security Extending to Employees of National Guard.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the civilian employees of the Adjutant General's Department employed under Section 90 of the National Defense Act are not members of a retirement system; and

Whereas, their eligibility for participation in Social Security is prohibited by current law; and

Whereas, appreciable benefits under Social Security will be lost forever to these employees if Social Security coverage is not obtained during the calendar year 1957; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 65, § 1, amended. The 1st sentence of section 1 of chapter 65 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'In order to extend to employees of the political subdivisions of the State of Maine, and to the civilian employees of the Maine National Guard who are employed pursuant to Section 90 of the National Defense Act of June 3, 1916 (32 U. S. C., Sec. 42), who are not members of existing retirement or pension systems, the benefits of Social Security, provided under the Federal Social Security Act enacted by the Congress of the United States, it is declared to be the policy of the Legislature, subject to the limitations of this chapter, that such steps be taken as to provide such protection to such employees of the political subdivisions of the State on as broad a basis as is permitted under the Social Security Act.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 65, § 2, amended. Section 2 of chapter 65 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the 3rd paragraph thereof a new paragraph, as follows:

'The phrase "the civilian employees of the Maine National Guard who are employed pursuant to Section 90 of the National Defense Act of June 3, 1916 (32 U. S. C., Sec. 42)" means the civilian employees of the Maine National Guard who are employed pursuant to Section 90 of the National Defense Act of June 3, 1916 (32 U. S. C., Sec. 42) and paid from funds allotted to the Maine National Guard by the Department of Defense and such employees shall, for the purpose of this chapter, be deemed to be employees of the State of Maine; provided, how-