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The contributions so computed, together with a pro rata share of the cost of the administration of the survivor's benefit program, based upon the gross payroll of employees and the expense of determining the annual survivor's contribution shall be certified by the board of trustees to the chief fiscal officer of the participating local district, and the amounts so certified shall be a charge against the participating local district.

The participating local district may require each of its members to make a contribution, not to exceed $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1% of earnable compensation, to the Survivor's Benefit Fund as long as he is employed.

All contributions for survivor benefits by members of all participating local districts which have elected survivor benefits and all survivor contributions by such participating local districts shall be paid into the Survivor's Benefit Fund.'

Effective April 17, 1958

Chapter 441

AN ACT Relating to Cost of Relocating Utility Services of Towns.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 23, § 23-A, amended. The 3rd paragraph of section 23-A of chapter 23 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 1 of chapter 378 of the public laws of 1957, is amended to read as follows:

"Utility" as used in this section shall mean and include any public utility under the jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Commission and also any corporation which owns and operates a telephone or telegraph system or an oil pipe line system and which is subject to the jurisdiction of the Federal Communications Commission or Interstate Commerce Commission and also any municipality or any quasi-municipal body operating a utility service such as a fire or police alarm line, street lighting, sewerage or water pipes and also any Rural Electrification Cooperative which is subject to the provisions of chapter 51 of the Revised Statutes.'

Sec. 2. Validating clause. It is hereby declared that it was the legislative intent to include the subject matter of this amendment in Chapter 378 of the Public Laws of 1957, and that any contracts made by the State Highway Commission since August 8, 1957 concerning the utility services described in section 1 are hereby validated.

Effective April 17, 1958

Chapter 442

AN ACT Relating to Loans by Franklin County.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the duties imposed upon the County of Franklin by law have greatly increased; and

Whereas, such increase has made it necessary to expand the facilities of the Franklin County courthouse; and

Whereas, such expansion is vital to the well-being and welfare of the inhabitants of Franklin County; 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. 89, § 29, amended. Section 29 of chapter 89 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

'Sec. 29. Loans. The county commissioners may obtain loans of money for the use of their county and cause notes or obligations, with coupons for lawful interest, to be issued for payment thereof at such times as they deem expedient; but such loans shall not exceed \$10,000, **except in Franklin County**, without first obtaining the consent of the county, substantially as provided in section 27.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 89, § 29-A, additional. Chapter 89 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding a new section 29-A, to read as follows:

'Sec. 29-A. Loans by Franklin County. The county commissioners of Franklin County may obtain loans of money for the use of Franklin County, not to exceed \$50,000, and cause notes or obligations, with coupons for lawful interest, to be issued for payment thereof at such times as they deem expedient. Any loans of money in excess of the sum of \$10,000 shall be incurred only for the purpose of building, rebuilding, altering or otherwise improving county owned real estate and personal property contained therein.'

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.

Effective January 16, 1958

Chapter 443

AN ACT Relating to Educational Aid and to Clarify the Procedure of the Reorganization of School Administrative Units.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the general diffusion of and the advantages of education are essential to the preservation of the rights and liberties of the people; and

Whereas, it is necessary to proceed immediately to authorize the creation and organization of more efficient administrative units to improve the quality of education; and

Whereas, there has been unreasonable delay in carrying out the reorganization of such administrative units; and