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and in addition, original jurisdiction, concurrent with that of the Superior Court of all civil actions in which neither damages in excess of \$10,000 \$20,000 nor equitable relief is demanded, of actions for divorce or annulment of marriage and of proceedings under Title 19 and original jurisdiction, concurrent with that of the probate court, of actions for separation.

Effective September 23, 1971

Chapter 39

AN ACT Relating to Rate of Contributions of Employees Under State Retirement System.

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

R. S., T. 5, § 1095, amended. The first sentence of section 1095 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes and the 2nd and 3rd sentences of section 1095 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 4 of chapter 415 of the public laws of 1969, are repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

Each member shall make a contribution in such an amount as the board of trustees, upon recommendation by the actuary, shall determine, provided said amount is not less than 5% of earnable compensation.

Effective September 23, 1971

Chapter 40

AN ACT Relating to Creditable Service Under State Retirement Law for Certain Teachers.

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

R. S., T. 5, § 1094, sub-§ 14, additional. Section 1094 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding a new subsection 14 to read as follows:

14. Private and parochial school credit. Any public school teacher who rendered teaching service in any parochial school or public or private academy may purchase up to 10 years creditable service. Such service credit to be creditable must have been performed in a school approved by the State Department of Education while holding the appropriate teaching certificate during the time of said nonpublic school service, and such prior service credit can only be secured after 10 years of service in the public schools.

Any public school teacher who leaves service in Maine and who serves as a teacher in Volunteers in Service to America, in the Peace Corps, foreign or domestic, or who teaches children of United States Foreign Service Corps outside the continental limits of the said United States, shall be allowed 274 CHAP. 42

credit for such service, not to exceed 2 years, provided such teacher returned to active teaching service in Maine within one year of the completion of such service.

Such service shall be allowed as additional creditable service for any member in the determination of his retirement allowance under any provision of this chapter provided the member, prior to the date any retirement allowance becomes effective for him, deposits in the Members' Contribution Fund by a single payment or by an increased rate of contribution such amount as together with regular interest credited thereon will be the actuarial equivalent, at the effective date of his retirement allowance, of the portion of his retirement allowance based on such additional creditable service.

Effective September 23, 1971

Chapter 41

AN ACT Relating to Qualification of Candidates for the Legislature.

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

R. S., T. 21, § 443, sub-§ 1, additional. Section 443 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 2 of chapter 225 of the public laws of 1967, is further amended by adding a new subsection 1 to read as follows:

1. Exception. The first sentence of this section shall not apply to candidates for the House of Representatives and the State Senate.

Effective September 23, 1971

Chapter 42

AN ACT Relating to Shooting at or Near Wildlife Decoys.

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

R. S., T. 12, § 2466-A, amended. Section 2466-A of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 175 of the public laws of 1967, is amended to read as follows:

§ 2466-A. Shooting at or near wildfowl decoys

It shall be unlawful for any person to shoot, or shoot at, or near, any wildfowl decoy of another within the territorial limits of this State, with a rifle, pistol or shotgun with a ball, slug or buckshot. Any person so convicted shall be punished in accordance with section 3060. For the purpose of this section "near" shall mean that area encompassed by the set of decoys including that area 50 yards away from the outer perimeter of the set of decoys.

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