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Sec. 6. R. S., T. 21, § 320, additional. Title 21 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 320 to read as follows:

§ 320. New resident

The registrar at any time when satisfied that a new resident who has filed an application for registration in accordance with section 312 has resided in the State for 6 months and is still a resident of the municipality may transfer the name to the voting list without requiring a further appearance of such person.

Sec. 7. R. S., T. 21, §§ 313, 314, 316 and 318, repealed. Sections 313, 314, 316 and 318 of Title 21 of the Revised Statutes are repealed.

Effective September 23, 1971

Chapter 154

AN ACT Relating to Retirement of Police Officers and Fire Fighters.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 5, § 1092, sub-§ 3, amended. The first sentence of subsection 3 of section 1092 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

Any participating local district, by filing with the board of trustees a duly certified copy of its action, may provide a retirement benefit for policemen, firemen, sheriffs and full-time deputy sheriffs or any other participating local district employees, in lieu of the retirement benefits otherwise provided in this chapter for these employees, of $\frac{1}{2}$ salary after having completed 20 to 25 years of service, which benefit shall be based on the annual rate of salary being paid such individuals at point of retirement or the gross amount earned in the immediately preceding 12 months, whichever is greater.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 5, § 1121, sub-§ 8, amended. Subsection 8 of section 1121 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 2 of chapter 288 of the public laws of 1965, is amended to read as follows:

8. **Fire fighters.** Any member who is a fire fighter, including the chief of a fire department, who has at least 25 years of service as a fire fighter shall be permitted to retire upon attainment of age 55. The service retirement allowance shall be equal to $66\frac{2}{3}\%$ of his current final compensation or the district may accept a retirement provision whereby any member who is a fire fighter, including the chief of a fire department, who has 20 to 25 years of service as a fire fighter shall be permitted to retire, regardless of age, upon completion of the number of years selected by said district.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 5, § 1121, sub-§ 9, amended. Subsection 9 of section 1121 of Title 5 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by section 2 of chapter 143 of the public laws of 1967, is amended to read as follows:

9. **Police officers.** Any member who is a police officer, including the chief of a police department, who has at least 25 years of service as a police officer shall be permitted to retire upon attainment of age 55. The service retirement allowance shall be equal to 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ % of his current final compensation or the district may accept a retirement provision whereby any member who is a police officer, including the chief of the police department, who has 20 to 25 years of service as a police officer shall be permitted to retire, regardless of age, upon completion of the number of years selected by said district.

Effective September 23, 1971

Chapter 155

AN ACT Relating to Compensation Payments under Workmen's Compensation Law.

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

R. S., T. 39, § 104-A, additional. Title 39 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 104-A to read as follows:

§ 104-A. Compensation payments; penalty

The employer or insurance carrier shall make compensation payments as follows:

1. **Approved agreement or final order.** Within 10 days after the receipt of notice of an approved agreement for payment of compensation or within 10 days after any order or decision of the commission awarding compensation has become final through failure to appeal therefrom, as provided in section 103; or

2. **Failure to appeal.** Within 10 days after failure to appeal from the pro forma decree, as provided in section 103; or

3. **Law court decision.** Within 10 days after receipt of notice of the decision of the law court affirming the order or decision of the commission;

4. **Payment due.** Thereafter, within 10 days after any payment is due under such order or decision, until further order of the commission.

Willful failure by the employer or insurance carrier to pay compensation as provided in this section shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$500.

This section shall not apply to claims involving employees of the State of Maine.

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