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Sec. 12. Regulation by the Public Utilities Commission. Nothing in this chapter may be construed to exempt the district from regulation by the Public Utilities Commission. The district shall operate under all the restraint, responsibilities and privileges as have applied to Casco Bay Lines, provided that alterations to rates and tolls by the district shall go into effect after such public notice as the Public Utilities Commission shall by rule prescribe without further action by the Public Utilities Commission, unless 10 ratepayers request in writing an investigation of the alterations, in which case the investigation shall be conducted as prescribed in the Revised Statutes, Title 35, chapter 15.

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

Effective April 17, 1981

CHAPTER 23

H. P. 540 — L. D. 618

AN ACT to Permit the Town of Orono to Withdraw from the Group Life Insurance Plan under the Maine State Retirement System.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the town of Orono wishes to withdraw from the Group Life Insurance Program of the Maine State Retirement System; and

Whereas, withdrawal, if accomplished immediately, will result in a substantial savings to the town and will allow the town to take advantage of current premium quotations from private insurers; and

Whereas, the terms of this Act will protect the interests of town employees and retirees; 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. Withdrawal from Maine State Retirement System group life insurance program authorized; procedure. The inhabitants of Orono, a municipality hereinafter called "the town," presently a participating local district in the Maine State Retirement System group life insurance program, hereinafter called "the program," are authorized to withdraw from further participation in the program upon the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

Sec. 2. Notification; effective date of withdrawal. The town may withdraw from the program by filing with the board of trustees a duly certified copy of the resolution of the executive body of the town approving withdrawal from the program. In order to provide continuous insurance coverage of active employees and retirees, this withdrawal is not effective until the date equivalent coverage is made available to current employees and retired employees of the town.

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

Effective April 24, 1981

CHAPTER 24

S. P. 208 — L. D. 573

AN ACT Authorizing Mid-State Business School to Confer Associate Degrees.

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

Mid-State Business School to confer associate degrees. Mid-State Business School, an educational institution with a campus in Auburn, County of Androscoggin, and a campus in Augusta, County of Kennebec, shall have power and authority to confer an associate degree in applied science upon all persons who shall have completed satisfactorily 2 years' course of study in the respective fields of business subjects.

Effective September 18, 1981

CHAPTER 25

H. P. 622 — L. D. 705

AN ACT to Amend the Law to Provide a Lien for Sewer Rates for the Houlton Water Company.

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

P&SL 1943, c. 28, § 2, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

Sec. 2. Enforcement of liens; recording. The lien herein provided shall be enforced in the following manner; not less than 3 months nor more than one year after the expiration of any period for which sewer rates have been accrued, the treasurer of Houlton Water Company shall send by certified or registered mail,