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**STATE OF MAINE**  
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This allocates the Regulatory Fund, Public Utilities Commission, which is required by the Public Laws of 1979, chapter 427.

**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this Act shall take effect July 1, 1981.

Effective July 1, 1981

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## CHAPTER 36

H. P. 487 — L. D. 539

### AN ACT to Permit Knox County to Withdraw from 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 employees of Knox County are currently participating in the Maine State Retirement System in addition to participating in the Social Security System; and

Whereas, the benefit plans of these 2 systems are, to a certain extent, duplicative; and

Whereas, it is needlessly expensive for the employees and the employers to continue to fund both retirement plans; and

Whereas, this burdensome expense and duplicative benefit coverage should be reduced as soon as possible; 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 authorized; procedure.** The county commissioners of Knox County hereinafter called "the district" presently a participating local district in the Maine State Retirement System, hereinafter called "the system" are authorized to withdraw from further participation in the system upon the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

The withdrawal shall be accomplished by a majority vote of the county

commissioners at any duly warned, called and held meeting thereof. Upon the vote the chief fiscal officer of the district shall certify the same to the trustees of the system and the withdrawal shall become effective on the last day of the calendar month in which the certificate is received by the trustees.

**Sec. 2. Certain withdrawals of contributions authorized.** Any employee of the agency who has made contributions to the system may withdraw the contributions in the manner provided by the Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1096, as amended; provided that an application for the withdrawal shall be made not later than one year after the effective date of withdrawal by the agency from the system.

**Sec. 3. Effect of withdrawal.**

1. Any employee of the agency who withdraws his contribution or any person who begins employment after the effective date of withdrawal of the agency from the system may not be a participant in the Maine State Retirement System as an employee of Knox County.

2. Knox County shall continue to be a local participating district for those former employees who are receiving retirement allowances or who are eligible for retirement benefits and all employees as of the effective date of withdrawal who have not withdrawn their contributions from the system. For the purposes of this subsection, those employees remaining in the system and Knox County are subject to the Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 101.

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

Effective May 13, 1981

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## CHAPTER 37

H. P. 1338 — L. D. 1533

**AN ACT to Amend the Northern Maine General Hospital Charter.**

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

P&SL 1907, c. 84, § 6-D is enacted to read:

**Sec. 6-D. Mental retardation home and center.** The corporation may establish and maintain a mental retardation home and center to be known as the Powell Memorial Center. For the purpose of this section, the corporation shall maintain a separate division of finance for the center, to administer matters of income, assets, liabilities and other matters of finance.

Effective September 18, 1981