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office or ceases to serve at the expiration of any term thereof, after attaining the age of 70 years and after having served as such judge for at least 7 years, or after attaining the age of 65 years and after having served as such judge for at least 12 years, or after attaining the age of 60 years and after having served as such judge for at least 20 years, shall receive annually during the remainder of his life an amount equal to 3/4 of the currently effective annual salary of a Judge of the District Court, to be paid in the same manner as the salaries of the judges of that court are paid. Such judge shall terminate his service before his 71st birthday. Any judge who continues to serve until or after his 71st birthday shall waive his right to the compensation mentioned and make no claim therefor at the termination of his service. Any Judge of the Bistriet Court who resigns his office or ceases to serve at the expiration of any term thereof, after attaining the age of 60 years and after having served as a judge of that court for at least 20 years, shall receive annually during the remainder of his life an amount actuarially equivalent to the benefits he would have received if he had retired at the age of 65 years with 12 years, to be paid in the same manner as the salaries of the judges of that court are paid-The right of any judge drawing such compensation to continue to receive it shall cease immediately, if he acts as attorney or counsellor in any action or legal proceeding in which the State is an adverse party or has any interest adverse to the person or persons in whose behalf he acts.

Effective September 23, 1983.

CHAPTER 168

H.P. 63 - L.D. 69

AN ACT to Exempt Carriers of Wood Products from Cargo Insurance Requirements.

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

Whereas, carriers of logs or pulpwood are currently required to carry cargo insurance at additional costs to their operations; and

Whereas, a significant number of these carriers will have to renew or obtain these policies for the current season if action is not taken promptly; 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:

29 MRSA §2708, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 469, §2, is amended to read:

§2708. Indemnity bonds

The Secretary of State shall not register any motor vehicle required to obtain an operating permit subject to this chapter and the bureau shall not issue a permit covering the operation of any such motor vehicle or vehicles until the applicant for that permit has procured a good and sufficient insurance policy or indemnity bond, in such amount as the bureau prescribes, having as surety thereon, a surety company authorized to transact business in this State 2 responsible individuals, which bond shall be approved by the bureau. The insurance policy or bond shall adequately provide for cargo insurance and for the collection of damages for which the holder of a permit may be liable by reason of the operation of any motor vehicle or vehicles subject to the operation of this chapter. Notwithstanding this section, any person, firm or corporation transporting logs or pulpwood, transporting freight between points within this State and points without this State, or between points without the State but passing through this State is not required to provide cargo insurance. This section does not apply to motor vehicles used exclusively in the transportation of passengers.

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

Effective April 27, 1983.

CHAPTER 169

H.P. 309 - L.D. 368

AN ACT to Allow Voter Registration and Party Enrollment on the Same Form.