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county budget committee, if one exists, or with the advice and consent of the legislative delegation for that county, if a county budget committee does not exist.

Former employees of any Superior Court within a county which elects to adopt the provisions of this paragraph, who retired subsequent to July 1, 1976, shall be treated in the same manner as if all of their creditable service had been as state employees with respect to the Maine State Retirement System rights and benefits.

The same benefit rights and protection shall apply to beneficiaries under the survivor benefit program and beneficiaries of former employees as are outlined in this subsection.

If, after a review of the actuary of the Maine State Retirement System, it is determined that additional funds are required to finance in full the accrued retirement benefits for those employees, then the actuary shall estimate the amount of additional funds necessary to provide full retirement benefits for the period prior to July 1, 1976, and the appropriate counties which have elected to adopt the provisions of this paragraph shall provide funds necessary to fulfill this obligation from the retirement allowance funds of the respective counties.

Effective September 19, 1985.

CHAPTER 105

H.P. 100 - L.D. 125

AN ACT to Establish a Maine Rivers Grants Program.

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

Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §5015 is enacted to read:

§5015. Maine Rivers Protection Fund

There is established within the Department of Conservation a Maine Rivers Protection Fund, which

shall be funded by donations, bequests, grants, gifts and proceeds from the sale of Maine rivers protection promotion items. The fund shall not lapse.

Pursuant to the authority established in section 5012, the commissioner may administer a state grantin-aid program and may promulgate rules therefor under Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II. The purpose of the program is to assist local governments, river conservation or management groups and landowners in activities that may include the acquisition, establishment and maintenance of access sites, parking areas, picinic areas, campsites and sanitary facilities; encouraging and securing shoreland gifts and conservation easements; financial support for river runners, litter control, signs and educational materials; the restoration and enhancement of anadromous fisheries; improving the natural productivity of inland fisheries; and supervision of recreational use and other similar or associated activities involving the protection of and public access to the State's rivers.

All funds of the Maine Rivers Protection Fund shall be subject to allocation by the Legislature.

Rules adopted under this section shall become effective immediately, but shall be submitted to the Legislature no later than the next regular session for approval or modification. If the Legislature fails to act, those rules shall continue in full force and effect.

Sec. 2. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from the Maine Rivers Protection Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

1985-86 1986-87

CONSERVATION, DEPARTMENT OF

Maine Rivers Protection Program All Other

\$30,000 \$30,000

Effective September 19, 1985.

CHAPTER 106

H.P. 333 - L.D. 448

AN ACT Relating to the Membership of and the Payment of Per Diem to Boards.