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A. The original spouse must have been the sole beneficiary of the reduced retirement benefit under section 18404, subsection 3, 4 or 5; and

B. The recipient and the original spouse must agree to the change of beneficiary. Prior to this agreement, the executive director shall ensure that the original spouse has been counseled by an employee of the retirement system regarding the financial effect of giving up rights as a beneficiary and has signed a statement that the information has been received and understood.

2. Time and manner of election. The recipient may make the election at any time after the divorce is granted by:

A. Sending a written request to the executive director; and

B. Submitting evidence of the divorce.

3. Amount of benefit. The amount of the benefit payable under the option elected is the actuarial equivalent, at the date of the beginning of payment of benefits under this section, of the amount of reduced retirement benefit the recipient has been receiving, plus the amount expected to be paid to the original spouse after the recipient's death.

4. Effective date of coverage of new beneficiary. The effective date of the designation of the recipient's new beneficiary is the date the request is received. The recipient's retirement benefit must be adjusted on the first day of the month following the effective date of the new designation of beneficiary.

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

Effective June 17, 1991.

## CHAPTER 321

S.P. 595 - L.D. 1580

#### An Act to Amend the Definition of "Regional Association" under the Laws Relating to Waste Management

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

**38 MRSA §1303-C, sub-§24**, as amended by PL 1989, c. 869, Pt. A, §5, is further amended to read:

24. Regional association. "Regional association" means 2 or more municipalities that have formed a relationship to manage the solid waste generated within the participating municipalities and for which those municipalities and for which those municipalities and solutions are solutions.

palities are responsible. The relationship must be formed by one or more of the following methods:

A. Creation of a refuse disposal district under chapter 17;

B. Creation of a nonprofit corporation that consists exclusively of municipalities and is organized under Title 13, chapter 81 or Title 13-B, for the purpose, among other permissible purposes, of owning, constructing or operating a solid waste disposal facility, including a public waste disposal corporation under section 1304-B;

C. Creation of a joint exercise of powers agreement under Title 30-A, chapter 115; or

D. Contractual commitment.

For the purposes of this chapter, a regional association and the entities described in paragraphs B and C may include counties and quasi-municipal corporations as members provided the counties or quasi-municipal corporations, when acting by themselves within their own jurisdictions, are capable of exercising all of the powers of the regional association.

See title page for effective date.

## **CHAPTER 322**

S.P. 527 - L.D. 1405

An Act to Provide Confidentiality for the Records of Individuals Who Receive Funds from a Community Development Program Created Pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, Chapter 205

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

**30-A MRSA §5205** is enacted to read:

#### §5205. Records confidential

**1.** Confidential information. Records containing the following information are deemed confidential for the purposes of Title 1, section 402, subsection 3, paragraph A:

A. Any information acquired by a municipality or a member, officer, employee or agent of a municipality from an individual applicant for assistance provided by this chapter or from any 3rd person pertaining to an individual applicant for assistance provided pursuant to this chapter; and

B. Any written or recorded financial statement of an individual submitted to a municipality or a member, officer, employee or agent of a municipality in con-