# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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### **LAWS**

### **OF THE**

## **STATE OF MAINE**

AS PASSED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION January 5, 2000 to May 12, 2000

THE GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE FOR SECOND REGULAR SESSION NON-EMERGENCY LAWS IS AUGUST 11, 2000

PUBLISHED BY THE REVISOR OF STATUTES IN ACCORDANCE WITH MAINE REVISED STATUTES ANNOTATED, TITLE 3, SECTION 163-A, SUBSECTION 4.

> J.S. McCarthy Company Augusta, Maine 2000

elects the method of payment under subsection 1, or who elects a method of payment other than that provided under subsection 1 and who designates a beneficiary other than the qualifying member's spouse must notify the spouse that the spouse is not the beneficiary. Proof that the spouse has been notified must be provided:

- A. By written certification of the spouse, duly notarized, on a form provided or specified by the retirement system indicating that notice has been received from the qualifying member; or
- B. When notice has been given but certification by the spouse has not been provided, by written certification of the qualifying member, duly notarized, on a form provided or specified by the retirement system indicating that notice has been given to the spouse.

Payment of the qualifying member's service benefit may not commence until certification has been received by the executive director.

**Sec. 15. 5 MRSA §18405, first** ¶, as enacted by PL 1985, c. 801, §§5 and 7, is amended to read:

If the recipient of a reduced service retirement benefit under section 18404, subsection 3, 4 or 5, 5-A or 5-B remarries after the recipient's spouse dies, the following provisions apply.

**Sec. 16. 5 MRSA §18405-A, first ¶,** as enacted by PL 1995, c. 604, §5, is amended to read:

If the recipient of a reduced service retirement benefit under section 18404, subsection 3, 4 or 5, 5-A or 5-B is granted a divorce either after retirement or before a retirement beneficiary is named, the following provisions apply.

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

Effective May 3, 2000.

#### **CHAPTER 745**

S.P. 503 - L.D. 1504

An Act to Amend the Lobbyist Registration Fee Provisions

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

**Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §313,** as amended by IB 1995, c. 1, §7, is further amended to read:

§313. Registration of lobbyists and employers

Every employer of a lobbyist and every lobbyist and lobbyist associate who lobbies on behalf of that employer shall register jointly at the office of the commission no later than 15 business days after commencement of lobbying and pay a registration fee determined by the commission. The fee must be at least \$400 of \$200 for the registration of each lobbyist and at least \$200 \$100 for the registration of each lobbyist associate or such other amounts as the commission determines approximate the cost to the commission of administering and enforcing the provisions of this chapter.

See title page for effective date.

#### **CHAPTER 746**

H.P. 1699 - L.D. 2405

An Act to Increase the Number of Domestic Violence Prosecutors

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §204-A is enacted to read:

#### §204-A. Annual report

The Attorney General, working with the district attorneys of the State, shall submit a report that compiles data from domestic violence prosecutors statewide to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs, the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice matters and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary matters on an annual basis. The first report must be submitted no later than October 1, 2001.

**Sec. 2. Allocation.** The following funds are allocated from the Federal Expenditures Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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### ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF

#### **District Attorneys' Salaries**

Positions - Legislative Count (1.000) Personal Services \$53,260

Provides funds to establish one Assistant District Attorney position for Cumberland County to assist in the