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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees of the Maine Legislature, covering the Second Regular Session of the 111th Legislature. The summaries are arranged alphabetically, and indexed separately by committee.



1939

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH  
WAGE-BASED COST-OF-LIVING  
ADJUSTMENTS FOR RETIRED  
STATE EMPLOYEES, TEACHERS  
AND BENEFICIARIES

Dow

LV/WD

SUMMARY: Would have changed, beginning in 1985, the basis for determining the cost-of-living adjustment for retirees from the annual change in the Consumer Price Index to the percentage increase in the salaries and salary related items received by active state employees and teachers. The COLA for 1984 would have been 5%. After much discussion on the factors to be considered in determining the percentage increase, how and by whom those calculations would be made and the actuarial cost of making such a change, the bill was withdrawn with the agreement of all parties concerned.

1964 AN ACT CONCERNING SUPPLE-  
MENTAL DIVIDEND REIMBURSE-  
MENT DISTRIBUTION

Hickey

LV/WD

SUMMARY: Would have overruled a recently adopted policy of the Board of Trustees to phase out supplemental dividend distributions to beneficiaries of retired members under the state group life insurance plan and would have restored the level of distribution of supplemental dividends to the beneficiaries of state employees, teachers and participating local district employees who were retired before July 1, 1984.

2023 AN ACT TO REMOVE THE  
RETIREMENT AGE RESTRICTION  
FOR TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY  
OF MAINE

Handy

OTF  
EMER ENACT  
P&S, C. 63

SUMMARY: Removes the retirement age limit of 70 for members of the University of Maine Board of Trustees.

2078 RESOLVE, TO PROVIDE A  
RETIREMENT BENEFIT TO MRS.  
BERNICE B. MARTEL OF SANFORD

Tuttle

LV/WD

SUMMARY: Would have required the retirement system to pay a monthly benefit to Mrs. Martel equal to that paid to the spouse of a deceased member with 25 years of creditable service. Mr. Martel had 23 3/4 years of creditable service with the Town of Sanford when he died; and Mrs. Martel was not eligible for survivors benefits. A letter was sent to the Town encouraging them to buy back additional prior service for its employees so that Mrs. Martel would qualify for the benefit which this resolve would have provided.