

2020 Legislative Update

LEGISLATION ENACTED DURING THE 129th SECOND REGULAR SESSION

An Act to Provide the Same Retirement Benefits for State Employees Working as Emergency Communications Specialists as Are Provided to Law Enforcement Officers

PL 2019, c. 537 [L.D. 833]
Effective Date: June 16, 2020

This law expands the 1998 Special Plan to include emergency communications specialists effective July 1, 2020, on a prospective basis. Specialists employed on and before that date must elect whether to participate in the special plan or to remain in the regular plan.

An Act to Clarify the State's Commitments Concerning Certain Public Service Retirement Benefits

PL 2019, c. 540 [L.D. 1104]
Effective Date: June 16, 2020

This bill enlarges the contractual commitment to maintain state-protected benefits to encompass cost-of-living adjustments for retired state employees and teachers.

An Act to Expand the 1998 Special Retirement Plan to Include Detectives in the Office of Investigations within the Department of the Secretary of State, Bureau of Motor Vehicles

PL 2019, c. 541 [L.D. 1207]
Effective Date: June 16, 2020

This law expands the 1998 Special Plan to include motor vehicle detectives effective July 1, 2020, on a prospective basis. Detectives employed on and before that date must elect whether to participate in the special plan or to remain in the regular plan.

An Act to Expand the 1998 Special Retirement Plan to Include Detectives in the Office of the Attorney General

PL 2019, c. 542 [L.D. 1208]
Effective Date: June 16, 2020

This law expands the 1998 Special Plan to include detectives in the employment of the Office of the Attorney General effective July 1, 2020, on a prospective basis. Detectives employed on and before that date must elect whether to participate in the special plan or to remain in the regular plan.

An Act To Implement Provisions Necessary to the Health, Welfare and Safety of the Citizens of Maine in Response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

PL 2019, c. 617 [L.D. 2167]
Effective Date: March 18, 2020

This law, among other provisions related to the pandemic, temporarily permits remote meetings of bodies like the Board of Trustees and the PLD Advisory Committee if certain requirements are met.