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United States Court of AppealsFor the First Circuit

No. 00-2010

EUGENE B. BOWLER,

Plaintiff, Appellant,

v.

STATE OF MAINE,

Defendant, Appellee.

APPEAL FROM THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE DISTRICT OF MAINE

[Hon. Gene Carter, <u>U.S. District Judge</u>]

Before

Torruella, <u>Chief Judge</u>, Campbell and Cyr, <u>Senior Circuit Judges</u>.

Eugene B. Bowler on brief pro se.

<u>Andrew Ketterer</u>, Attorney General, <u>Paul Stern</u>, Deputy Attorney General, <u>Amy M. Sneirson</u>, Assistant Attorney General, and <u>William R. Stokes</u>, Assistant Attorney General, on brief for appellee.

May 21, 2001

Per Curiam. The judgment is affirmed substantially for the reasons set forth in the district court's opinion. To clarify one misunderstanding voiced by plaintiff: although the Eleventh Amendment by its terms refers only to suits against a State by citizens of another State, the Supreme Court has "extended the Amendment's applicability to suits by citizens against their own States." Board of Trustees of Univ. of Alabama v. Garrett, 121 S. Ct. 955, 962 (2001); accord, e.g., Straham v. Coxe, 127 F.3d 155, 166 (1st Cir. 1997).

Affirmed. See Loc. R. 27(c).