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One Hundred and Fifth Legislature
AT THE
SPECIAL SESSION

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to

March 10, 1972

CHAPTER 554**AN ACT Relating to the School Year.**

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

R. S., T. 20, § 473, sub-§ 13, additional. Section 473 of Title 20 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding a new subsection 13 to read as follows:

13. School year. Notwithstanding any other section of the statutes, local boards, with the approval of the commissioner, are authorized to adopt whatever rules and regulations are necessary to implement an extended school year at the local level. The commissioner is authorized to make appropriate adjustments, not to exceed the allowable subsidy, to insure fair and equitable treatment in the distribution of state aid.

Effective June 9, 1972

CHAPTER 555**AN ACT Clarifying the Duties of the Treasurer of State
Relating to the Care and Custody of Guaranty Funds.**

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the present vault in the office of the Secretary of State now being used by the Treasurer of State is to be discontinued this winter due to State House renovations; and

Whereas, the law now provides for care and custody of state trust funds and the following legislation is vitally necessary to provide such care and custody for securities and guaranty funds; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine, and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

R. S., T. 5, § 139-A, additional. Title 5 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 139-A to read as follows:

§ 139-A. — guaranty funds

The Treasurer of State, with the approval of the Commissioner of Finance and Administration, the Bank Commissioner and the Attorney General, shall have the power to enter into contracts or agreements approved by the Governor and Council, with any national bank, trust company or safe deposit company located in New England or New York City, for custodial care and servicing of any securities deposited with the treasurer as a guaranty fund required by statutes.

Such services shall consist of the safekeeping of such securities in the vaults of the bank or safe deposit company and any fiscal service which is normally covered in a custodial contract or agreement.

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

Effective February 7, 1972

CHAPTER 556

AN ACT to Create a New Highway Classification Designated Seasonal Parkways.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, public access to Baxter State Park was a permissive use from the terminus of State Aid Highway No. 1 in TIR9 to the southerly boundary of Baxter State Park at the intersection thereof with a park road, via a road constructed and maintained by a commercial corporate enterprise; and

Whereas, continued public use of such road will impose a serious threat to public safety and an unreasonable financial liability risk upon the corporate landowner due to a substantially increased commercial use thereon of off-highway vehicles transporting massive loads of raw forest products in substitution of the prohibited river-drive transport; and

Whereas, the denial of public access over this private road is imminent; and

Whereas, this imminent but unavoidable threat, the public necessity for the continuity of public access, the avoidance of imposing an inequity upon any municipality or county and preservation of the public accommodation require immediate designation of this road as a public way; and

Whereas, the classification of state highway for such a road exceeds the public needs and imposes undue public burdens; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

R. S., T. 23, § 53-A, additional. Title 23 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 53-A, to read as follows:

§ 53-A. Seasonal parkways

1. **Classification.** The commission may lay out, establish, acquire, open, construct, improve, maintain, discontinue and regulate as a state highway seasonal access road, roads to public recreational areas which shall be classified "seasonal parkways."