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ACTS, RESOLVES AND CONSTITUTIONAL RESOLUTIONS

AS PASSED BY THE

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OF THE

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AT THE
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to

March 10, 1972

§ 1147. Unorganized territory

The State Tax Assessor shall determine annually the amount distributable to each county in respect of property in the unorganized territory for each county by multiplying the state valuation then in effect for such property by the mill rate certified for each county pursuant to Title 30, section 254, which amounts are appropriated from the General Fund to be credited annually on the books of the State to the proper officer of each county as provided in section 342.

Sec. 16. R. S., T. 36, § 1182, repealed. Section 1182 of Title 36 of the Revised Statutes is repealed.

Sec. 17. R. S., T. 12, § 1608, additional. Title 12 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 1608 to read as follows:

§ 1608. Unorganized territory

This subchapter, with respect to the annual Maine Forestry District tax and the assessment and collection thereof, shall not be applicable to property in the unorganized territory. In lieu thereof, an amount equal to the state valuation of said property, multiplied by 8½ mills, is appropriated from the General Fund to be credited annually to the separate account provided in section 1607.

Sec. 18. Effective date. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 1973, with the exception of section 8 which shall take effect 90 days after final adjournment of the first special session of the 105th Legislature.

Effective January 1, 1973

CHAPTER 617

AN ACT Imposing a Tax on the Unorganized Territory Within the Maine Forestry District for Spruce Budworm Control.

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

Whereas, a severe outbreak of spruce budworm has developed in the forests of northern Maine, threatening the destruction of one of Maine's outstanding natural resources; and

Whereas, the following legislation is vitally necessary to control this outbreak so as to save 500,000 acres of Maine forest; 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. 12, § 1601, amended. Section 1601 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended by adding after the first sentence a new sentence to read as follows:

Such tax shall be increased by $2\frac{3}{4}$ mills on the dollar assessed only for the year 1972 upon all the property in the unorganized territory located within the Maine Forestry District, including rights in public reserved lots, and buildings on leased property, to be used by the Forestry Department for spruce budworm control.

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

Effective March 10, 1972

CHAPTER 618

AN ACT Implementing the Reorganization of the Department of Environmental Protection.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., T. 10, § 2202, sub-§ 2, amended. Subsection 2 of section 2202 of Title 10 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 472 of the public laws of 1969, is amended to read as follows:

2. **Commission.** "Commission" means ~~the Maine Mining Commission~~ the Board of Environmental Protection.

Sec. 2. R. S., T. 10, § 2203, repealed and replaced. Section 2203 of Title 10 of the Revised Statutes, as enacted by chapter 472 of the public laws of 1969 and as amended by section 25 of chapter 544 of the public laws of 1971, is repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

§ 2203. Administration

The Board of Environmental Protection shall administer this chapter.

The Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall employ, pursuant to the Personnel Law, such personnel as may be necessary to properly administer this chapter, including naming engineers and personnel experienced in land management and reclamation.

Sec. 3. R. S., T. 12, § 514, sub-§ 3, ¶ B, repealed. Paragraph B of subsection 3 of section 514 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 2 of chapter 545 of the public laws of 1971, is repealed.

Sec. 4. R. S., T. 12, § 4705, repealed. Section 4705 of Title 12 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is repealed.