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Sec. 9. 33 MRSA § 605, first ¶ is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

Each register may appoint a deputy register of deeds with the approval of the county commissioners; the deputy register shall be sworn. He shall give bond to the county for the faithful discharge of his duties in such sum as the county commissioners order and with such sureties as they approve in writing thereon. The premium of the bond shall be met by the county. The deputy register shall receive an annual salary as established by the register and approved by the county commissioners. In case of sickness, absence or any temporary disability of the register, such deputy shall make and sign for him all certificates and make all entries and minutes required to be signed or made by the register. Such certificates, entries and minutes shall be as valid as if made by the register.

Sec. 10. 34 MRSA § 904 is repealed.

Sec. 11. Application. So much of sections 1, 3, 5, 7, 8 and 10 of this Act that enacts new provisions governing the retention of fees or charges by the register of probate or register of deeds, or enacts new provisions governing the housing of the sheriff or jailer on county jail premises and requiring rental payments, shall not apply to Knox County and York County and the Knox County and York County registers of probate, registers of deeds or sheriffs, until January 1, 1978. The statutory provisions governing these issues, as they exist on July 1, 1977, shall govern Knox County and York County and these officers until January 1, 1978.

Notwithstanding Title 30, section 3, that part of section 3 of this Act that enacts Title 30, section 2, subsection 1, and increases the statutory salaries of county officers, shall be retroactive to January 1, 1977.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 68

AN ACT Relating to Reapportionment.

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

Whereas, the law on reapportionment, in regard to the creating of voting districts within the municipalities, needs to be clarified; and

Whereas, the clarification must be completed immediately in order that municipalities may reapportion its districts at least 60 days prior to the 1977 municipal election as required by Maine statutes; 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:

30 MRSA § 5353, sub-§ 1, ¶ B, as enacted by PL 1969, c. 353 and as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 623, § 49-A, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

B. Inhabitants. Each district shall contain as nearly as possible the same number of inhabitants as determined according to the latest Federal Decennial Census, but districts shall not differ in number of inhabitants by more than 10% of the inhabitants in the smallest district created.

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

Effective April 13, 1977

CHAPTER 69

AN ACT to Clarify the Authority of Members of Volunteer and Governmental Organizations to Render Emergency Assistance.

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

14 MRSA § 164, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 679, § 1, is further amended by adding after the first sentence the following new sentence:

This section shall apply to members or employees of nonprofit volunteer or governmental ambulance, rescue or emergency units, whether or not a user or service fee may be charged by the nonprofit unit or the governmental entity and whether or not the members or employees receive salaries or other compensation from the nonprofit unit or the governmental entity.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 70

AN ACT Establishing County Commissioner Districts in Cumberland County.