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regarding such proposed increase. The municipal or quasi-municipal water corporation as described in this section shall, at least 14 days prior to the hearing, publish a notice of the date, time, place and purpose of the hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the area encompassed by the municipal or quasi-municipal water corporation.

If, on or before the effective date of the rate change, 10% of the customers of the municipal or quasi-municipal water corporation file with the treasurer of the corporation and with the Public Utilities Commission petitions demanding a review of the rate changes by the Public Utilities Commission, the rate change may be suspended, investigated, reviewed and changed in accordance with section 69.

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

Effective April 13, 1977

CHAPTER 76

AN ACT Concerning the Required Height of Motorcycle Handlebars.

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

29 MRSA § 999, 2nd ¶, as enacted by PL 1967, c. 65, is amended to read:

No person shall operate on the highway any motorcycle or motor driven cycle equipped with handlebars that are more than 15 inches in height above the uppermost portion of the seat when depressed by the weight of the operator whose handgrips are higher than the shoulder level of the driver of the motorcycle.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 77

AN ACT Relating to Representation of Maine Maritime Academy on the Post-secondary Education Commission of Maine.

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

Sec. 1. 20 MRSA § 76, sub-§ 1, ¶ E, 1st 2 sentences, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 601, § 1, are repealed and the following enacted in their place:

One position for a member of the Board of Trustees of the Maine Maritime Academy.

Sec. 2. 20 MRSA § 76, sub-§ 1, ¶ E, 2nd ¶, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 601, § 1, is amended to read:

The representatives of the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine, the Board of Trustees of the Maine Maritime Academy, the State Board of Education, the Maine delegation to the New England Board of Higher Education and the Maine Advisory Council on Vocational Education shall be selected in accordance with the procedures of the respective body.

Sec. 3. 20 MRSA § 76, sub-§ 1, ¶ E, 3rd ¶, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 601, § 1, is amended by adding at the end the following new sentence:

The term of the member of the Maine Maritime Academy Board of Trustees shall be for 4 years.

Sec. 4. 20 MRSA § 76, sub-§ 1, ¶ E, 4th ¶, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 601, § 1, is amended to read:

There shall be no limitation on the number of terms a person may serve in one of the positions on PECOM assigned to these bodies, except at the time of expiration of a person's membership on the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine, the Board of Trustees of the Maine Maritime Academy, the State Board of Education, the Maine delegation to the New England Board of Higher Education, or the Maine Advisory Council on Vocational Education, such a person shall be ineligible to be appointed to, or to continue to serve as a member of, PECOM.

Sec. 5. 20 MRSA § 77, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 601, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 77. Appointment of the chairman and vice-chairman

The chairman and vice-chairman of PECOM shall be appointed by the members of the commission from among the 4 public members. Appointment of the chairman and vice-chairman shall be in accordance with procedures adopted by PECOM. The term of the chairman and vice-chairman shall be coterminous with that member's term on the commission. There shall be no limitation on the number of terms as chairman or vice-chairman an individual may serve, provided that such a person continues to be a member in good standing of PECOM.

Sec. 6. 20 MRSA § 78, last ¶, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 601, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

Meetings shall be held at least quarterly or upon call of the chairman of the commission on 5 days' written notice to the members. If the chairman shall be absent or refuses to call a meeting, any 4 members of the commission may call a meeting by similar notices in writing.