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The Secretary of State is authorized to issue registration certificates and registration plates without fee to federal and other governmental agencies, not otherwise required to be registered under this Title.

4. University of Maine vehicles. The Secretary of State is authorized to register vehicles owned by the University of Maine without the payment of registration fees prescribed by this Title. Such vehicles shall display registration plates of a design determined by the Secretary of State.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 143

AN ACT Requiring the Marking of Ice Fishing Shacks on Frozen Tidal Waters.

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

12 MRSA § 4102 is enacted to read:

§ 4102. Marking ice fishing shacks

It is unlawful to place any shack or temporary structure used for ice fishing on the frozen tidal waters, or to use the shack or structure, unless the owner's name and address are painted or otherwise clearly marked on the outside with 2-inch letters. Whoever violates this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$300 and costs.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 144

AN ACT Concerning Board of Directors of Transit Districts.

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

Whereas, a number of transit districts are required to conduct business with $\frac{2}{3}$ of the directors present; and

Whereas, the $\frac{2}{3}$ requirement retards the progress of the transit districts; and

Whereas, many people are expressing great interest in the issues before the transit districts, particularly as a result of the energy crisis; and

Whereas, a number of significant decisions are required by the transit districts in the ensuing months; and

Whereas, immediate public participation is needed in the decision making process of the transit districts for the best interests of the districts and the State; 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:

Sec. 1. 30 MRSA § 4972, last sentence, as enacted by PL 1965, c. 488, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

A majority of the directors so appointed shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and action taken by $\frac{2}{3}$ of those directors present at any meeting at which a quorum is in attendance shall be deemed to be the action of the full board of directors.

Sec. 2. 30 MRSA § 4981, as enacted by PL 1965, c. 488, is amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

The board of directors shall hold a public hearing prior to making any major changes in routes in the district or in the fare structure of the district.

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

Effective May 11, 1977

CHAPTER 145

AN ACT to Increase Certain Fees of the Registries of Deeds.

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

Whereas, the fees charged for the recording of instruments has not been increased in the recent past; and

Whereas, the cost of county government has risen sharply in the recent past; and