

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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AS PASSED BY THE

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**Sec. 1.** 30 MRSA § 4972, last sentence, as enacted by PL 1965, c. 488, is repealed and the following enacted in its place: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

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## 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

Whereas, an increase in fees is necessary to defray the cost of county government; 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.** 33 MRSA § 751, 1st ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL 1971, c. 321 is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

Except as provided in Title 11, registers of deeds shall receive \$5 for the first record page and \$1 for each additional record page of each instrument or document presented for recording, unless a different fee is established as follows:

**Sec. 2.** 33 MRSA § 751, sub-§ 2, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 198, § 2, is further amended to read:

2. **Discharge.** Recording and indexing a discharge of mortgage assignment of mortgage or partial or complete discharge of attachment, the sum of ~~\$4~~ \$5 each;

**Sec. 3.** 33 MRSA § 751, sub-§ 3, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 198, § 3, is repealed.

**Sec. 4.** 33 MRSA § 751, sub-§ 4, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 198, § 4, is repealed.

**Sec. 5.** 33 MRSA § 751, sub-§ 6, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 226, is repealed.

**Sec. 6.** 33 MRSA § 751, sub-§ 7, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 198, § 5, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

7. **Organization of nonprofit corporation.** Recording certificate of organization of nonprofit corporations and certifying copies thereof for filing with the Secretary of State, the sum of \$8;

**Sec. 7.** 33 MRSA § 751, sub-§ 8, as amended by PL 1973, c. 226, is further amended to read:

8. **Liens for internal revenue taxes.** Recording and indexing notices and discharges of liens for internal revenue taxes of the United States of America under section 664, ~~\$2~~ \$3;

**Sec. 8.** 33 MRSA § 751, sub-§ 10, as repealed and replaced by PL 1971, c. 321, is amended to read:

10. **Municipal tax liens.** Recording and indexing a municipal tax lien filed in accordance with Title 36, section 942, the sum of ~~\$2~~ \$3, together with an additional ~~\$2~~ \$3 for recording and indexing each discharge of a municipal tax lien;

Sec. 9. 33 MRSA § 751, sub-§ 11, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 198, § 6, is repealed.

Sec. 10. 33 MRSA § 751, sub-§ 12, as amended by PL 1973, c. 226, is further amended to read:

12. District liens. Receiving, recording and indexing any sewer or water district lien or discharge thereof, the sum of ~~\$2~~ \$3 each;

Sec. 11. 33 MRSA § 751, sub-§ 13, 3rd ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL 1971, c. 321, is amended to read:

For receiving, filing and indexing the discharge or termination statement of an original financing statement filed prior to April 1, 1970, the charge prescribed in Title 11, section 9-404; of one filed on or after April 1, 1970, ~~no~~ charge the sum of \$5;

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

Effective May 11, 1977

## CHAPTER 146

### AN ACT to Require a Mandatory Transition Period for Certain County Officials.

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

30 MRSA § 7 is enacted to read:

#### § 7. Transition period

There shall be a 30-day transition period for all newly elected county officers from December 1st to January 1st in each year. During this period, each newly elected county officer may, without pay, attend the office to which he has been elected in order to familiarize himself with the duties he is about to assume. During this period, all of the personnel of the office he is about to assume, including the incumbent county officer, shall assist him in learning the duties of his office.

Effective October 24, 1977

## CHAPTER 147

### AN ACT to Provide Interest on Judgments in Civil Actions.