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Sec. 9. 33 MRSA § 751, sub-§ 11, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 198, § 6, is repealed.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Sec. 11. 33 MRSA § 751, sub-§ 13, 3rd ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL 1971, c. 321, is amended to read: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.

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

14 MRS A § 1602, as amended by PL 1971, c. 228, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 1602. Interest on judgments

In all civil actions, except those actions involving a contract or note which contract or note contains a provision relating to interest, interest shall be assessed from the date on which the complaint is filed in court, provided that if the prevailing party at any time requests and obtains a continuance for a period in excess of 30 days, interest will be suspended for the duration of the continuance. From and after the date of entry of an order for judgment, including the period of the pendency of an appeal, interest shall be allowed at the rate of 10% per year.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 148

AN ACT to Require County Commissioners to Notify Municipal Legislative Bodies of County Budget Hearings.

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

Sec. 1. 30 MRS A § 252, first ¶, as last amended by PL 1977, c. 27, § 1, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

In order to assess a county tax, county commissioners, prior to November 7th in each year, shall prepare estimates of the sums necessary to defray the expenses which have accrued or may probably accrue for the coming year, including the building and repairing of jails, courthouses and appurtenances, with the debts owed by their counties.

Sec. 2. 30 MRS A § 252, 2nd ¶, last sentence, as amended by PL 1977, c. 27, § 2, is repealed.

Sec. 3. 30 MRS A § 252, as last amended by PL 1977, c. 27, § 3, is further amended by inserting after the 3rd paragraph the following:

The county commissioners shall hold a public hearing in the county on these estimates prior to December 1st. Written notice and a summary of the county estimates shall be sent to the municipal officers. Notice of the hearing shall be given at least 10 days prior to the hearing in a newspaper of general circulation within the county. Written notice and a copy of the estimates shall be sent by registered or certified mail with return receipt requested, or delivered by hand in person, with proof received of the delivery, to the clerk of each municipality in the county and to each member of the Legislature from the county at least 10 days prior to the hearing. The municipal clerk shall notify the municipal officers of the receipt of the estimates.