

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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people of the State of Maine to observe this day in suitable places with appropriate ceremony and activity. Chester Greenwood Day shall commemorate and honor Chester Greenwood, whose inventive genius and native ability, which contributed much to the enjoyment of Maine's winter season, marked him as one of Maine's outstanding citizens.

Effective October 24, 1977

## CHAPTER 263

### AN ACT Exempting Farm Machinery from the Personal Property Tax.

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

36 MRSA § 655, sub-§ 1, ¶ M, 1st sentence, as last repealed and replaced by PL 1973, c. 592, § 13, is amended to read:

**M.** All farm machinery used exclusively in production of hay and field crops to the aggregate actual market value not exceeding ~~\$5,000~~ \$10,000, excluding motor vehicles.

Effective October 24, 1977

## CHAPTER 264

### AN ACT to Extend the School Budget Adoption Date until July 1st and Vocational Region Budgets to August 1st.

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

Whereas, the Legislature is considering proposals for determining the spending ceiling on education; and

Whereas, the administrative units must have direction on the spending ceiling prior to making final budget determination, prepare, print and distribute adopted budgets prior to the budget meeting; 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. 20 MRSA § 2356-G, sub-§ 6, ¶ B, sub-¶ (5), as last amended by PL 1975, c. 746, § 19-A, is further amended by adding at the end a new sentence to read:

Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, in calendar year 1977 only, a budget shall be adopted by August 1, 1977.

Sec. 2. 20 MRSA § 3754, 1st sentence, as last amended by PL 1977, c. 115, § 1, is further amended to read:

Notwithstanding any provisions of statute or charter to the contrary, municipalities, School Administrative Districts and community school districts may adopt their respective annual budgets at any time prior to ~~June 15th~~ July 1st, 1977.

Sec. 3. 20 MRSA § 3754, last sentence, as amended by PL 1977, c. 115, § 2, is further amended to read:

If a municipal charter provides that a budget proposed by a municipal official or body becomes effective when the municipal legislative body fails to adopt a budget by a specified date or within a specified period of time and that date falls prior to ~~June 15th~~ July 1st, that date shall be governed by the provisions of this section for the calendar year 1977.

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

Effective June 7, 1977

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## CHAPTER 265

**AN ACT to Eliminate the Requirements that Registrars View Naturalization Papers of Naturalized Citizens.**

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

21 MRSA § 102, sub-§ 1 is repealed.

Effective October 24, 1977

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## CHAPTER 266

**AN ACT to Repeal the Definition of Insane Person Contained in Title 1 of the Maine Revised Statutes.**