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interrogated, the Superior Court in the county on application of any one of the members of the commission or of the director, when authorized by the commission, may issue an order requiring such person to comply with such subpoena and to testify; and any failure to obey such order of the court may be punished by the court as contempt thereof.

§ 1134. Director; qualifications; tenure; compensation; powers and duties

The director shall be, at the time of his appointment, a person familiar with the principles, methods and techniques of public personnel administration on the merit basis. His tenure of office shall be at the pleasure of the appointing commission and he shall receive such compensation as shall be fixed by the commission with approval of the county commissioners.

The director shall have the power and duty to administer and make effective this chapter and the rules and regulations of the commission.

Sec. 17. 30 MRSA § 1051, sub-§ 16, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 129, is repealed.

Sec. 18. 34 MRSA § 901, 1st ¶, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

The sheriff has the custody and charge of the jail in his county and of all prisoners therein and shall keep it himself, or by his deputy as jailer, master or keeper. The jailer, master or keeper shall appoint, with the approval of the county commissioners or the county personnel board, if one has been established under Title 30, chapter 1, subchapter VII, all subordinate assistants and employees. Subordinate assistants and employees shall be appointed in the same manner and for the same period and shall be dismissed, suspended or disciplined in the same manner that is provided for deputy sheriffs under Title 30, section 951. The professional qualifications required of them shall emphasize training or experience in or knowledge of corrections. The pay of the jailer, master or keeper and all subordinate assistants and employees shall be fixed by the county commissioners and paid by their several counties, except when otherwise provided by law.

Title 30, section 801, shall apply to sick leave and vacation of the full-time employees of the sheriff's department of each county.

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CHAPTER 432

AN ACT Relating to Valuation of Real Estate Held by Insurers.

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

Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA § 921, sub-§ 6 is enacted to read:

6. If the superintendent finds, in view of the character of investments held by domestic insurers, it would be prudent for such insurers to establish a special reserve for possible losses or fluctuations in the value of its investments, including realty holdings acquired by mortgage loan default, he may permit or require such insurer to establish such reserve, reasonable in amount, and may require that such reserve be maintained and reported in any statement or report of financial condition of the insurer.

Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA § 982, sub-§ 3, as last amended by PL 1973, c. 585, § 12, is further amended to read:

3. The stock of a subsidiary of an insurer shall be valued on the basis of the greater of the value of only such of the assets of such subsidiary as would constitute lawful investments for the insurer if acquired or held directly by the insurer or such other value determined pursuant to standards and cumulative limitations contained in a regulation promulgated by the superintendent or if the superintendent so permits or requires, he may permit or require any class or classes of insurers domiciled or authorized to do business in this State to value their investments or any class or classes thereof in any subsidiary, as of any date heretofore or hereafter in accordance with any applicable valuation or method approved by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners and adopted in a regulation promulgated by the superintendent.

Effective October 24, 1977

CHAPTER 433

AN ACT Relating to Regulation of Traveling Shows.

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

Sec. 1. 8 MRSA c. 15, as amended, is repealed.

Sec. 2. 8 MRSA § 502, as last amended by PL 1971, c. 622, § 141-B, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 502. Fees, prosecutions; traveling shows

The municipal officers of towns may grant licenses for any of the exhibitions or performances described in section 501, on receiving for their town a sum which they deem proper, 24 hours or more being allowed for the exhibitions or performance as they may determine. They shall prosecute, by complaint for the use of their town, all violations of section 501.

No traveling circus, traveling amusement show or mechanical ride shall operate or exhibit any parade, show or entertainment in this State without first paying a license fee for each calendar year. Application for the license shall be made to the Commissioner of Public Safety and shall contain the