

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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26 MRSA § 1043, sub-§ 11, ¶F, sub-¶ (33), as enacted by PL 1979, c. 94, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

(33) Services performed by a member or leader of a musical group, band or orchestra or an entertainer when the services are performed under terms of a contract entered into by the leader or an agent of the musical group, band, orchestra or entertainer with an employing unit for whom the services are being performed, provided the leader or agent is not an employer by reason of subsection 9 or of section 1222, subsection 3.

Effective September 14, 1979

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## CHAPTER 307

S. P. 433 — L. D. 1335

**AN ACT to Increase Merchandising in State Liquor Stores.**

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

28 MRSA § 451, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 646, is further amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, the commission may, from time to time, establish special prices on certain listed liquor items to be made available to the consumer at all state stores. Such special prices shall not be lower than the price established for the same listed item at the one authorized special discount state store.

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## CHAPTER 308

H. P. 474 — L. D. 591

**AN ACT to Provide County Commissioner Districts in Washington County.**

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

Sec. 1. 30 MRSA § 105-H is enacted to read:

§ 105-H. Creation of Washington County Commissioner Districts

Washington County shall be divided into the following 3 districts:

Commissioner District number 1, consisting of the municipalities and unorganized territories of Calais, Danforth, Topsfield, Indian Township Voting District, unorganized territories of T8 R4, Forest City T9 R4, Forest T10 R3, T8 R3, Brookton Township, T11 R3, Lambert Lake T1 R3, Kossuth T7 R2, T6 R1, Dyer T1 R2, Fowler T1 R1, T5 ND, T6 ND, T42 MD, T43 MD, T27 ED, T36 MD, T37 MD and T26 ED, Vanceboro, Codyville Plantation, Waite, Talmadge, Grand Lake Stream Plantation, Plantation Number 21, Princeton, Baileyville, Alexander, Crawford, Meddybemps and Baring Plantation;

Commissioner District number 2, consisting of the municipalities and unorganized territories of East Machias, Machiasport, Northfield, Robbinston, Perry, Charlotte, Wesley, Cooper, Plantation Number 14, Dennysville, Whiting, Cutler, unorganized territories of T30 MD, T31 MD, T25 MD, T19 ED, T18 ED and Marion, Edmunds and Trescott, Lubec, Pembroke, Pleasant Point Voting District and Eastport; and

Commissioner District number 3, consisting of the municipalities and unorganized territories of Deblois, Cherryfield, Steuben, Milbridge, Harrington, Addison, Jonesport, Beals, Beddington, Columbia, Columbia Falls, Centerville, Jonesboro, Roque Bluffs, Whitneyville, Marshfield and Machias and unorganized territories of Deveraux T29 MD, T24 MD, T18 MD and T19 MD.

Members of the board of commissioners shall be residents of the commissioner district from which they were elected and shall be elected by the qualified voters of that district.

**Sec. 2. Referendum; certificate to Secretary of State.** The Washington County Commissioners shall submit this Act to the legal voters of Washington County by ballot at the next general election in the month of November or at a special election on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November following the passage of this Act, whichever comes first.

The Washington County Board of Commissioners are authorized to expend such funds as are necessary to implement the referendum.

The county clerk shall prepare the required ballots on which he shall state the subject matter of this Act in the following question: "Shall Washington County be divided into 3 county commissioner districts for the purposes of electing the county commissioners?" The voters shall indicate by a cross or a check mark placed against the words "Yes" or "No" their opinion of the same.

Sections 1 and 3 of this Act shall take effect for all the purposes hereof immediately upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal voters voting at that election; provided the total number of votes cast for and against the acceptance of this Act equals or exceeds 10% of the total votes for all candidates for Governor cast in the next previous gubernatorial election in that county.

The result of the election shall be declared by the Washington County Board of Commissioners and due certificates thereof filed by the county clerk with the Secretary of State.

**Sec. 3. Transition.** The transition of the Washington County district system shall be made in the following manner. In 1980, a commissioner resident of Commissioner District number 1 shall be elected by the qualified electors of that district. In 1980, a commissioner resident of Commissioner District number 2 shall be elected by the qualified electors of that district. In 1982, a commissioner resident of Commissioner District number 3 shall be elected by the qualified electors of that district. Thereafter, elections shall continue in a manner so that each district shall at all times have a commissioner elected from that district on the board.

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## CHAPTER 309

H. P. 668 — L. D. 828

### AN ACT to Facilitate the Enforcement of Child Support Obligations and Make Statutory Changes Consistent with the Administrative Procedure Act.

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

**Sec. 1.** 19 MRSA § 494, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 532, § 3, is amended by adding after the first sentence a new sentence to read:

**For the purposes of this subchapter only, authorized representatives of the commissioner may serve any notice or lien described in this subchapter.**

**Sec. 2.** 19 MRSA § 495, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 532, § 3, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

#### § 495. Payment of public assistance creates debt to department

**1. Public assistance.** A payment of public assistance for the benefit of a dependent child creates a debt due the department by any responsible parent in the amount of public assistance paid.

**2. Interstate cooperation.** A payment of public assistance by another state for the benefit of a dependent child located within that state creates a debt to that state by a responsible parent in the amount of the public assistance paid. Upon certification by a state to the Department of Human Services that public assistance is being rendered and that a responsible parent resides within the State of Maine, the Department of Human Services, after obtaining an Inter-state