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CHAPTER 408

S. P. 307 — L. D. 903

AN ACT to Correct Certain Obsolete References in Title 30 of the Maine Revised Statutes.

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

30 MRSA § 106, last sentence is amended to read:

All bills for such expenses shall be approved by ~~the clerk of courts and the county district attorney of their county~~ **within whose district their county lies** and paid by the treasurer of said county and with the further exception of such expenses as are provided for in section 55.

Effective September 14, 1979

CHAPTER 409

H. P. 1473 — L. D. 1660

AN ACT Extending the Time for the Apportionment of County Taxes to June in the Year 1979.

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

Whereas, under the present law the county tax must be apportioned upon the towns prior to June in the year 1979; and

Whereas, the following extension of time will prevent undue hardship in resolving such; and

Whereas, the following legislation to temporarily extend the apportionment to the month of June is vitally necessary to prevent undue hardship and confusion of the several counties and municipalities of 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:

30 MRSA § 254-B, as last amended by PL 1977, c. 670, is further amended to read:

§ 254-B. Temporary extension

Notwithstanding the provisions of section 254, when a county tax is authorized for the year 1978 1979, the county commissioners shall, in the ~~months~~ **month** of March ~~and~~, April, **May or June** apportion the tax upon the towns and other places according to the last state valuation and fix the time for the payment of the same, which shall not be earlier than the first day of the following September.

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

Effective June 12, 1979

CHAPTER 410

H. P. 857 — L. D. 1057

AN ACT to Provide Local Control of Winter Closing of Town Ways.

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

23 MRSA § 2953 is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§ 2953. Closing of roads in winter

The municipal officers may on their own initiative, or upon petition by 7 legal voters of the municipality, at any time between the first day of July and the first day of December of any year, after notice and hearing, set forth that any road or roads, or portion thereof, in the municipality are so located with reference to population, use and travel thereon, that it is unnecessary to keep the road or roads maintained and open for travel during the months of November, December, January, February, March and April or any part of these months.

The municipal officers shall file with the municipal clerk an order specifying the location of the road and the time for which it is to be closed. The legislative body of the municipality shall by vote either approve each order or provide that orders so made by the municipal officers shall be a final determination.

The final determination by the legislative body or the municipal officers may be appealed to the board of county commissioners of the county in which the municipality lies upon petition of 7 legal voters of the municipality within 30 days after the final determination is made.