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## LAWS

OF THE

# STATE OF MAINE

AS PASSED BY THE

## ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE

### FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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# **PUBLIC LAWS**

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1983

Personnel shall report on the development of apprenticeship programs in State Government in December, 1984, to the Maine Aid to Families with Dependent Children Coordinating Committee for inclusion in their report reviewing and evaluating the impact of the United States Job Opportunity Act of 1981. The committee's report shall be presented to the First Regular Session of the 112th Legislature.

Effective September 23, 1983.

### **CHAPTER 261**

H.P. 1136 - L.D. 1495

AN ACT to Provide Legislative
Participation in the Allocation of Consumer
Settlements and for Allocation of Funds
for the Low Income Energy Assistance
Program.

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

Whereas, the State has received \$1,450,000 from settlements of oil overcharge cases and will receive considerably more money in the near future; and

Whereas, the Legislature is the branch of government whose members have been elected to allocate revenues and protect the public interest; and

Whereas, there is an urgent need to allocate consumer settlements in the best interest of the State consistent with applicable federal requirements; 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. 5 MRSA §1671 is enacted to read:

#### §1671. Federal grants from settlements

1. Application. This section shall apply to federal grants that are the result of class action or

other litigation that involves the citizens of the State.

- 2. Allocation. No expenditure may be made from any such grants unless allocation of the funds is recommended by the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs and approved by the Legislature.
- Sec. 2. Allocations of funds. The following funds are allocated from the oil overcharge refund received by the State.

1982-83

#### EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Division of Community Services

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

\$690,000

Tribal Low Income Home
Energy Assistance Program

60,000

Total Allocation

\$750,000

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

Effective May 12, 1983.

### CHAPTER 262

H.P. 714 - L.D. 905

AN ACT to Amend the Probate Fees.

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

- Sec. 1. 18-A MRSA §1-602, sub-§(2), as amended by PL 1981, c. 470, Pt. A, §43, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:
  - (2) For receiving and entering each petition to probate a will, including foreign wills, and each petition for the administration of an estate in intestacy when the value of the estate is: