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PUBLIC ACTS

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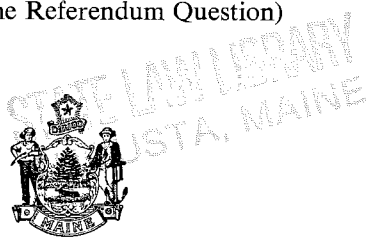
Suspended by

REFERENDUM PETITIONS

Relating to

Increasing Operators' License Fees
and
Registration Fees of Motor Vehicles

(Including a Brief Explanatory Statement by the
Attorney General as to the Intent and
Content of the Referendum Question)



1958

Submitted to Vote of the People by a
Proclamation of the Governor and
to be Voted on at a Special
Election to be held
March 10, 1958.

EXPLANATION

Written petitions bearing the signatures of 31,390 electors of this State, which number is in excess of 10% of the total vote for Governor cast in the last gubernatorial election preceding the filing of such petitions, were addressed to the Governor and were filed in the office of the Secretary of State within 90 days after the adjournment of the regular session of the Ninety-eighth Legislature, respectfully requesting that parts of said acts be referred to the people of the State to be voted upon in the manner described in the Constitution of the State of Maine.

The Governor, by proclamation dated September 19, 1957, declared parts of the following acts suspended and fixed Monday, the 10th day of March, 1958 as the date upon which the same should be referred to the people.

PARTS OF PUBLIC ACTS SUSPENDED BY PROCLAMATION

PUBLIC LAW OF 1957, CHAPTER 330

"An Act Increasing Registration Fees for Motor Vehicles and Operators' Licenses."

The following parts of Chapter 330 of the Public Laws of 1957 have been suspended by petition:

"Sec. 1. R. S., c. 22, § 16, sub-§ I, ¶ A, amended. Paragraph A of subsection I of section 16 of chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

A. Used for the conveyance of passengers,		
0 horsepower to and including		
17 horsepower	\$10	\$11
18 horsepower to and including		
24 horsepower	12	13
25 horsepower to and including		
30 horsepower	14	15
31 horsepower and over	16	17

Sec. 4. R. S., c. 22, § 19, amended. The 1st paragraph of section 19 of chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

With each application for registration of a motor truck shall be paid an annual registration fee graduated as follows when equipped with pneumatic tires:

From 0 pounds gross weight		
to 6,000 pounds gross weight..	\$15	\$16
From 6,001 pounds gross weight		
to 9,000 pounds gross weight..	\$20	\$21

From 9,001 pounds gross weight to 11,000 pounds gross weight..	\$.35	\$37
From 11,001 pounds gross weight to 14,000 pounds gross weight..	\$.60	\$64
From 14,001 pounds gross weight to 16,000 pounds gross weight..	\$.80	\$86
From 16,001 pounds gross weight to 18,000 pounds gross weight..	\$.100	\$107
From 18,001 pounds gross weight to 20,000 pounds gross weight..	\$.125	\$134
From 20,001 pounds gross weight to 23,000 pounds gross weight..	\$.150	\$161
From 23,001 pounds gross weight to 26,000 pounds gross weight..	\$.175	\$187.

(Note: The remainder of Section 4 with reference to the increase in registration fees of trucks with a gross weight of from 26,001 pounds to 50,000 pounds has not been quoted as this part of the law was not suspended by petition and has become law.)

Sec. 6. R. S., c. 22, § 60, amended. The 2nd sentence of section 60 of chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'Applications to operate motor vehicles shall be presented by mail or otherwise to the Secretary of State upon blanks prepared under his authority, and which shall ~~therein~~ call for specific answers to questions of a character designed to show the experience and competency of the applicant to operate a motor vehicle.

A fee of ~~\$.2~~ \$3 shall accompany the application.'

PUBLIC LAW OF 1957, CHAPTER 363

"An Act Relating to Registration Fees on Certain Commercial Vehicles."

The following part of Chapter 363 of the Public Laws of 1957 has been suspended by petition:

"Sec. 1. R. S., c. 22, § 19, amended. The 1st paragraph of section 19 of chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

'With each application for registration of a motor truck shall be paid an annual registration fee graduated as follows when equipped with pneumatic tires:

From 0 pounds gross weight to 6,000 pounds gross weight..	\$.15	\$16
From 6,001 pounds gross weight to 9,000 pounds gross weight..	\$.20	\$21
From 9,001 pounds gross weight to 11,000 pounds gross weight..	\$.35	\$37

From 11,001 pounds gross weight to 14,000 pounds gross weight..	\$.60	\$64
From 14,001 pounds gross weight to 16,000 pounds gross weight..	\$.80	\$86
From 16,001 pounds gross weight to 18,000 pounds gross weight..	\$.100	\$107
From 18,001 pounds gross weight to 20,000 pounds gross weight..	\$.125	\$134
From 20,001 pounds gross weight to 23,000 pounds gross weight..	\$.150	\$161
From 23,001 pounds gross weight to 26,000 pounds gross weight..	\$.175	\$187.' "

(Note: The remainder of Section 1 with reference to the increase in registration fees of trucks with a gross weight of from 26,001 pounds to 60,000 pounds has not been quoted as this part of the law was not suspended by petition and has become law.)

FORM OF QUESTION

"Shall the whole of Section 1 (increasing registration fees on passenger cars); all references in Section 4 increasing fees on motor trucks from 0 pounds to 26,000 pounds gross weight; and the whole of Section 6 (increasing operators' license fees from \$2 to \$3); of the act entitled, 'An Act Increasing Registration Fees for Motor Vehicles and Operators' Licenses,' designated as Chapter 330 of the Public Laws of 1957, and also all references increasing fees on motor trucks from 0 pounds to 26,000 pounds gross weight in Section 1 of a certain act entitled, 'An Act Relating to Registration Fees on Certain Commercial Vehicles,' designated as Chapter 363 of the Public Laws of 1957, become law?"

INTENT AND CONTENT

The following is a brief explanatory statement prepared by the Attorney General in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 10 of Section 19 of the Revised Statutes of 1954.

INTENT

It is the intent of this election to place before the people the question whether certain measures enacted by the Legislature increasing operators' license fees and registration fees of motor vehicles, should be approved or disapproved.

The Ninety-eighth Legislature of the State of Maine enacted two public laws, the purpose of each being to raise money to partially defray the expense of the State's road-building program.

The first of these laws, Chapter 330, Public Laws of Maine, 1957, authorized an increase in the registration

fees for motor vehicles, both passenger cars and trucks, and operators' licenses. The second law, Chapter 363, Public Laws of Maine, 1957, being supplemental to the law first mentioned, embraced the same provisions relating to registration fees for trucks, and in addition added new sources of revenue by permitting trucks having gross weights ranging from 50,001 pounds to 60,000 lbs. to operate upon Maine roads (heretofore not possible) and providing for a fee for such use.

Ordinarily, such laws as these go into effect 90 days after the recess of the Legislature. However, the Constitution provides that upon petition the Governor shall suspend an Act, or portions of an Act, and call a special election for the purpose of submitting such measures to the people.

Under this constitutional provision, the Governor suspended the provisions contained in the above-mentioned Acts, which provided for:

1. an increase in operators' fees;
2. increase of registration fees for passenger vehicles; and
3. so much of the Acts relating to increase of registration fees as applies to trucks having gross weights up to 26,000 lbs.

CONTENT

If a majority of those people voting vote "Yes", then the suspended Acts, or suspended portion of Acts, will become effective.

If a majority of those people voting vote "No", then such vote will have the effect of defeating the following increases proposed by the Legislature:

1. increases in operators' fees;
2. increases of registration fees for passenger vehicles; and
3. so much of the law relating to increases of registration fees as applies to trucks having gross weights up to 26,000 lbs.

It should be pointed out that the Acts as proposed by the Legislature imposed increased registration fees for all trucks, but that the petition seeking the referendum of the Acts excluded from consideration those trucks having gross weight of 26,001 lbs. and up. Those trucks having gross weights ranging from 26,001 to 60,000 lbs. will be required to pay the increased registration fees as proposed by the Legislature regardless of the vote at the special election.

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