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ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

Ninety-seventh Legislature

OF THE

STATE OF MAINE

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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:

R. S., c. 37, § 149, amended. Section 149 of chapter 37 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting in alphabetical order the following paragraph:

'Bartlett's Island: No person shall at any time hunt, pursue, shoot at or kill any wild bird or wild animal on Bartlett's Island, in the county of Hancock.'

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

Effective May 17, 1955

Chapter 365

AN ACT Relating to School Age in Public Schools.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 41, § 44, repealed and replaced. Section 44 of chapter 41 of the revised statutes is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'Sec. 44. School age; kindergartens. In the public schools of the State only those children who are or will become 6 years of age on or before October 15th of the school year shall be admitted to grade one.

In schools which offer a one-year childhood education program prior to grade one, only those children who will be 5 years of age on or before October 15th of the school year shall be admitted.

In schools which offer a two-year childhood education program prior to grade one, only those children who will be 4 years of age on or before October 15th of the school year shall be admitted. All children who have been enrolled in one or more years of childhood education programs prior to grade one before the effective date of this act shall be allowed to continue regular advancement notwithstanding the provisions of this act.

Subject to the foregoing provisions and further subject to such reasonable regulations as the superintending school committee shall from time to time prescribe, every person between the ages of 5 and 21 shall have the right to attend the public schools in the town in which his parent or guardian has residence. Residence as used in this section shall mean the city or town where the father maintains a home for his family. If the parents of the child are separated, residency shall be considered to be the town where the person having custody of the child maintains his or her home.'

Sec. 2. Effective date. The provisions of this act shall become effective July 1, 1956.

Effective July 1, 1956